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WHEN I MEET MY DREAM MAN

I'VE MADE MISTAKES BEFORE, SOME BIG, SOME SMALL... BUT WHEN IT CAME TO ROMANCE AND LOVE, I MADE THE COSTLIEST MISTAKE OF ALL...

IT SEEMS EVERY TIME YOU SEE A GROUP OF PRETTY GIRLS, YOU'RE SURE TO FIND JEFF CRAIG! HE MUST BE QUITE A GUY!

IT WAS THE SAME WAY BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL! I USED TO COLLECT STAMPS AND JEFF COLLECTED GIRLS!

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YOU MEAN YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?

FROM WAY BACK! WE WENT TO CENTRAL HIGH TOGETHER!

PERHAPS IT WASN'T RIGHT OF ME, BUT THIS SUDDEN PIECE OF NEWS MADE MY HOPES SOAR...

WOULD YOU INTRODUCE ME TO JEFF, DAVE? I GUESS IT'S FEMALE CURIOSITY, BUT AFTER WATCHING HIM PLAY, WELL... IT JUST MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT HE'S LIKE OFF THE FIELD...

YES... SURE...

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I SAW WAVERING DOUBT IN DAVE'S EYES AND IMMEDIATELY TOOK A DIFFERENT TACK... ONE GUARANTEED TO BRING SUCCESS...

OF COURSE, IT ISN'T REALLY IMPORTANT, AND IF YOU'D RATHER NOT...

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST JEFF, CAROL, IT'S JUST THAT I REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS...

WHY, DAVE! YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS OF JEFF CRAIG, ARE YOU?

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD SAY "NO" BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE THE TRUTH! YES! I GUESS I AM JEALOUS OF HIM AND HAVE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME ...AND I GUESS I'D BE PARTICULARLY JEALOUS WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED...

BUT IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM, YOU'LL MEET HIM ANYWAY, THROUGH ME, OR SOMEONE ELSE! BUT I HOPE IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, CAROL, THAT IT'S ONLY CURIOSITY!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE OCCASION PRESENTED ITSELF, WHEN DAVE, TRUE TO HIS WORD INTRODUCED ME TO JEFF CRAIG...

DAVE WAS ALWAYS PRETTY TIGHT-LIPPED, CAROL, AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOU! OTHERWISE WE'D HAVE MET A LONG TIME AGO!

I WAS TERRIBLY FLATTERED BY THE FUSS HE MADE OVER ME, AND ESPECIALLY PLEASED BY THE INVITATION HE WAS QUICK TO OFFER...

WE'LL BE HOLDING SOME PRACTICE PLAYS THIS AFTERNOON! WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT AND WATCH! BE MY GUEST!

WHY, I'D LOVE TO...

HOW ABOUT YOU, DAVE?

NO THANKS! I'LL BE TIED UP ALL AFTERNOON!

I THOUGHT DAVE'S ATTITUDE QUITE CHILDISH AND IMMATURE, BUT I WAS GENUINELY THRILLED THAT AFTERNOON... AND MORE SO WHEN THE PRACTICE SESSION WAS OVER...

I'LL SHOWER AND CHANGE AND BE BACK IN TEN MINUTES! WAIT HERE AND I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT HOME, OKAY?

OKAY!

ON THE WAY HOME WE STOPPED OFF FOR A SODA! THE MOMENT WE ENTERED, A BUZZ OF CONVERSATION FILLED THE ROOM...

I'M POSITIVE THERE ISN'T A GIRL HERE WHO WOULDN'T GIVE ANYTHING TO CHANGE PLACES WITH ME...

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE JEFF AND I BECAME THE MOST POPULAR TWOSOME ON THE CAMPUS... DAVE SOMEHOW DRIFTED OUT OF MY LIFE...

IT WAS A WONDERFUL DANCE, CAROL! WAS IT FUN FOR YOU?

YOU KNOW IT WAS, JEFF, AND YOU KNOW I LIKE BEING WITH YOU!

HE DREW ME CLOSE AND OUR LIPS MET, TENDERLY, GENTLY! IN THAT MOMENT I WAS TRANSPORTED TO HEIGHTS OF HAPPINESS I HAD NEVER KNOWN BEFORE...

IMAGINE, I'M JEFF CRAIG'S GIRL... AND WITH ALL THE OTHER GIRLS PRACTICALLY THROWING THEMSELVES AT HIM, HE PICKED ME...

WHAT MORE COULD I HAVE WANTED OR HOPED FOR? I CONSIDERED MYSELF THE THE LUCKIEST GIRL ON THE CAMPUS... THE LUCKIEST BY FAR...

AS THE WEEKS SPED BY, THERE WERE THINGS I MISSED, THINGS JEFF COULDN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND...

A CONCERT! FIFTEEN MINUTES OF THAT STUFF, CAROL, AND I'M READY TO FLIP! WE'LL TAKE IN A NIGHT GAME, OKAY?

YES, JEFF... OKAY!

I SUPPOSE SPORT WAS JEFF'S LIFE! HE LIVED IT, BREATHED IT, AND PLAYED IT! AS TIME PASSED I FOUND MYSELF MORE AND MORE ALONE, BEWILDERED AND CONFUSED...

DID YOU SEE THAT SHOT FROM THE SIDE LINE, CAROL! WHAT A PLAY! *TERRIFIC!*

SOON, THERE WAS A CONSTANT SENSE OF INTRUSION FROM THE CRUSH OF EAGER GIRLS WHO SURROUNDED HIM AT THE LEAST PROVOCATION...

HE SEEMS TO THRIVE ON IT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'D DO IF THEY EVER STOPPED CHEERING HIM... PASSED HIM BY...

AND THEN I SUDDENLY SENSED SOMETHING ELSE...

HOW IMPORTANT AM I TO JEFF? COULD HE FOREGO ALL THIS ATTENTION AND ADULATION... ALL FOR ME?

AND WOULD I REALLY WANT HIM TO? KNOWING HOW FAR DIFFERENT OUR INTERESTS ARE!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER WHEN JEFF TOOK ME OUT TO DINNER, HE WAS, AS USUAL, EXPLAINING ONE OF THE NEW PLAYS THEY HAD BEEN PRACTICING...

FOR PETE'S SAKE, CAROL, I CAN SEE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD! YOU'RE A MILLION MILES AWAY!

I'M SORRY, JEFF! I GUESS MY THOUGHTS WERE ELSEWHERE!

THAT'S GREAT, BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING! WHEN I DATE A GIRL THEY GENERALLY LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY! I COULD CALL UP A DOZEN OF 'EM RIGHT THIS MINUTE AND THEY'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO GO OUT WITH ME!

I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE, JEFF! JUST TAKE ME BACK TO THE DORM!

JOE

I DON'T SUPPOSE I EVER GOT THE MESSAGE ACROSS! I TRIED TO POINT OUT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US! THAT IT WAS BETTER THIS WAY FOR BOTH OF US...

HE WON'T BE UNHAPPY FOR LONG, BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?

YES, I WAS UNHAPPY, AND AS THE DAYS PASSED, MORE SO! MY THOUGHTS RETURNED TO DAVE, BUT I DIDN'T BUILD MY HOPES! DAVE WAS DATING OTHER GIRLS, NOT THAT I COULD EVER BLAME HIM!

WE DID HAVE SOMETHING PRECIOUS, I KNOW THAT NOW... AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE...

BUT ONE DAY AS I LEFT AN AFTERNOON CLASS...

CAROL... WAIT!

THE VOICE WAS PAINFULLY FAMILIAR! I TURNED SLOWLY, DESPERATELY FIGHTING BACK THE TEARS...

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO CALL, CAROL! I HEARD ABOUT YOU AND JEFF! WORD GETS AROUND, I GUESS!

I KNOW, BUT I DON'T MIND THAT...

JEFF WAS A POPULAR CAMPUS STAR, A KIND OF DREAM MAN I SUPPOSE! MEETING HIM SEEMED TERRIBLY IMPORTANT AT THE TIME...

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GENTLY HE TOUCHED MY ARM, HIS VOICE WAS LOW, ALMOST A WHISPER...

THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT, CAROL! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND... I HOPE...

HE TURNED AND WALKED OFF, THEN STOPPED TO WAVE...

IT ISN'T OVER... IT ISN'T! THINGS WILL WORK OUT, DARLING... I JUST KNOW THEY WILL!

The End

ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID

THE blue organdie dress whispered as it crept over Kay's shoulders, and was hung gently from the hook at the top of the bridal department's three-way mirror. Kay stood there for a moment, just looking at the dream in blue, when Nancy Potter nudged her.

"C'mon, Kay, don't hog the mirror. I'm next! And Sue and Jeannie are being fitted in pale yellow in the next booth. Oh, just look at the lace on the sleeves! Isn't it heavenly?"

Kay smilingly agreed, and laughed with the bridal consultant at Nancy's enthusiasm, and her own. "I guess you're used to the hurry and the noise of excited bridesmaids when they buy their gowns, aren't you?" The woman nodded understandingly, and then went busily to work with pins and needle, as she stooped down to survey the hem on the second blue gown.

"Whew!" Jean sighed, wiping her forehead. "Weddings certainly take a lot of planning . . . and perspiration. Why, I don't remember working so hard preparing for my OWN wedding last year. Tell me, Kay, did I act as crazy?"

"Oh, Kay and all the rest of us were absolutely in a tizzy for your wedding, Jean, and you well remember," said Sue Banner, taking out a compact and fixing a strand of hair that stuck out from her hat. "Especially when you pulled that fast one on us and made all the arrangements in two weeks when you found out that Harry would be leaving for the Navy in just a month. Now this just serves you right for all the perspiration you extracted from the rest of us. So there!"

Kay spoke next, puffing relaxingly on a cigarette, "Thank the stars that Sue's and Nancy's weddings gave us more time. I don't know, kids, but at this rate, I'll be a wreck before I'm 27."

"Which reminds me, Kay, darling," Sue laughed, "That will be in just another two months. Good heavens, when are YOU going to get back at all of us and take the plunge. I don't want to be your bridesmaid when I'm all grey and pastel gowns will make me look so typically grandmother-ish."

Kay knew that the teasing was bound to come. But she and the three other girls, as well as Millie, the girl for whose wedding they had just bought their gowns, had been close friends ever since high-school days, and there was no getting angry at them for their good-natured, well-meant chiding. Kay just smiled and pointed to a shop down the street.

"And now,

would you give this aging specimen of an old maid the honor of treating you to sodas at yonder ice-cream parlor. Without those household bills you kids are always beefing about, I can afford it more than anyone else in this group. Come on, girls."

The gowns were delivered on time, and the day of Millie's wedding, Kay joined the others in dressing for the event. Kay walked up the aisle alongside Jean, while Nancy and Sue followed. Kay had done that same thing many times before, a pastel dress whispering beneath her waist, a bouquet of sweetheart roses in her hands, a smile and a flush painting her face with excitement as she preceded the "bride of the hour" up the white-carpeted aisle.

And Millie's wedding was as beautiful and exciting as the three previous occasions at which Kay had been an honor attendant, the champagne tasting as wonderfully sour, the orchestra providing happy tunes for hour upon hour of dancing. Soon it was time for the bride and groom to change into traveling clothes, and Kay found herself among the handful of single girls at the foot of the staircase, while Millie stood above them, ready to toss the bouquet of flowers. She saw Millie take a deep breath, and then carefully, yes, carefully throw the flowers into the crowd of reaching hands.

There was the usual "post-mortem" of the wedding a few days later when the four girls gathered over a bridge game at Sue's apartment. It was the first time Kay had felt slightly uncomfortable in their presence. But when Sue began to speak as she brought coffee and doughnuts into the living room, Kay began to stir in her seat.

"He's simply darling," she was saying to Kay, "sorta 30-

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I DREAD A LONG ENGAGEMENT

WE'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT WE WANT, JUNE, SO WHY WAIT? WHAT'S TO KEEP US FROM GETTING MARRIED SOON... RIGHT AWAY?

I'M ON YOUR SIDE, DARLING! BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS DREADED LONG ENGAGEMENTS!

WHEN MARK AND I MET AT THE SWANK FLORIDA RESORT, IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT FOR BOTH OF US. WE FELT NO NEED TO HESITATE, TO WAIT! SO WE MADE OUR EAGER PLANS, NEVER SUSPECTING THAT A MYSTERIOUS FATE WAS MAKING PLANS ALL HER OWN...

JAY SCOTT PIKE

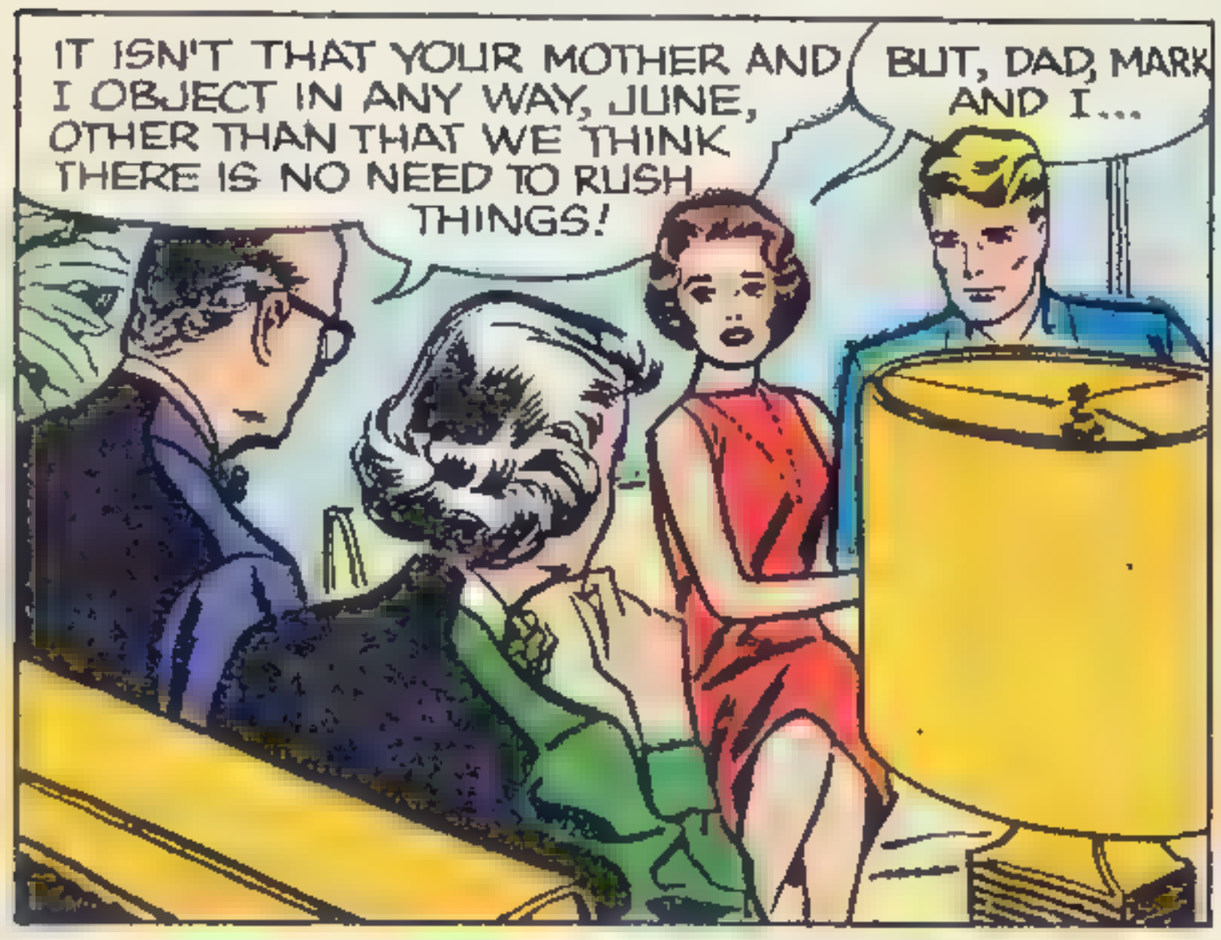
IT WAS AS SIMPLE AS THAT. WE HAD MADE UP OUR MINDS AS TWO INTELLIGENT ADULTS SHOULD, WITHOUT FEAR AND WITHOUT DOUBT. GENTLY MARK DREW ME CLOSE! OUR LIPS MET! NOT THE TINIEST SHADOW MARRED THE FLAWLESS HAPPINESS OF MY BRIGHT, NEW WORLD...

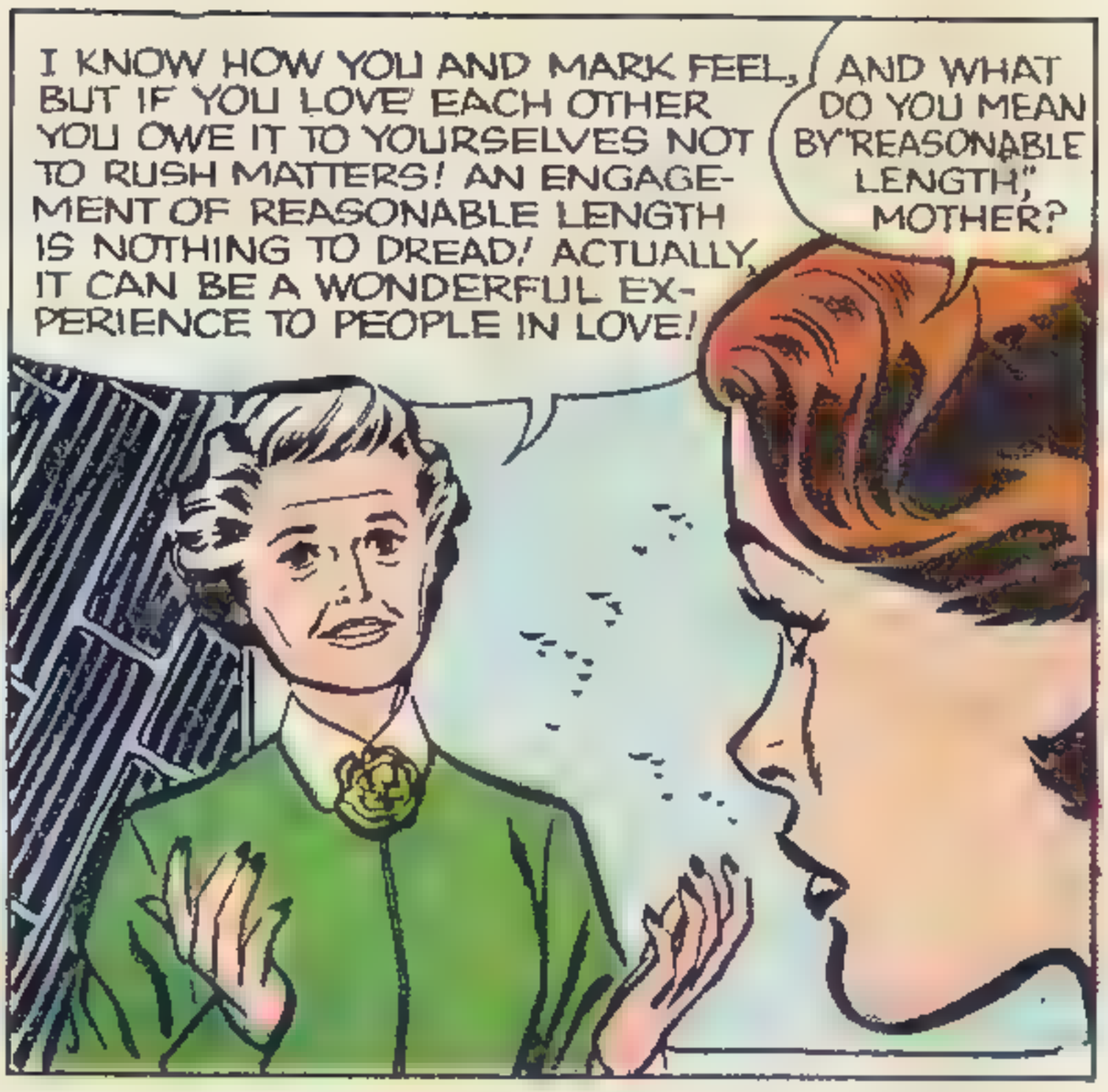
OF COURSE, BEING THE DAUGHTER OF ANDREW WAYNE, ONE OF OUR STATE'S LEADING BUSINESS MEN, MY PRIVATE LIFE WAS NONE TOO PRIVATE. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE FLASHBULBS TO START POPPING, ALONG WITH THE USUAL QUESTIONS...

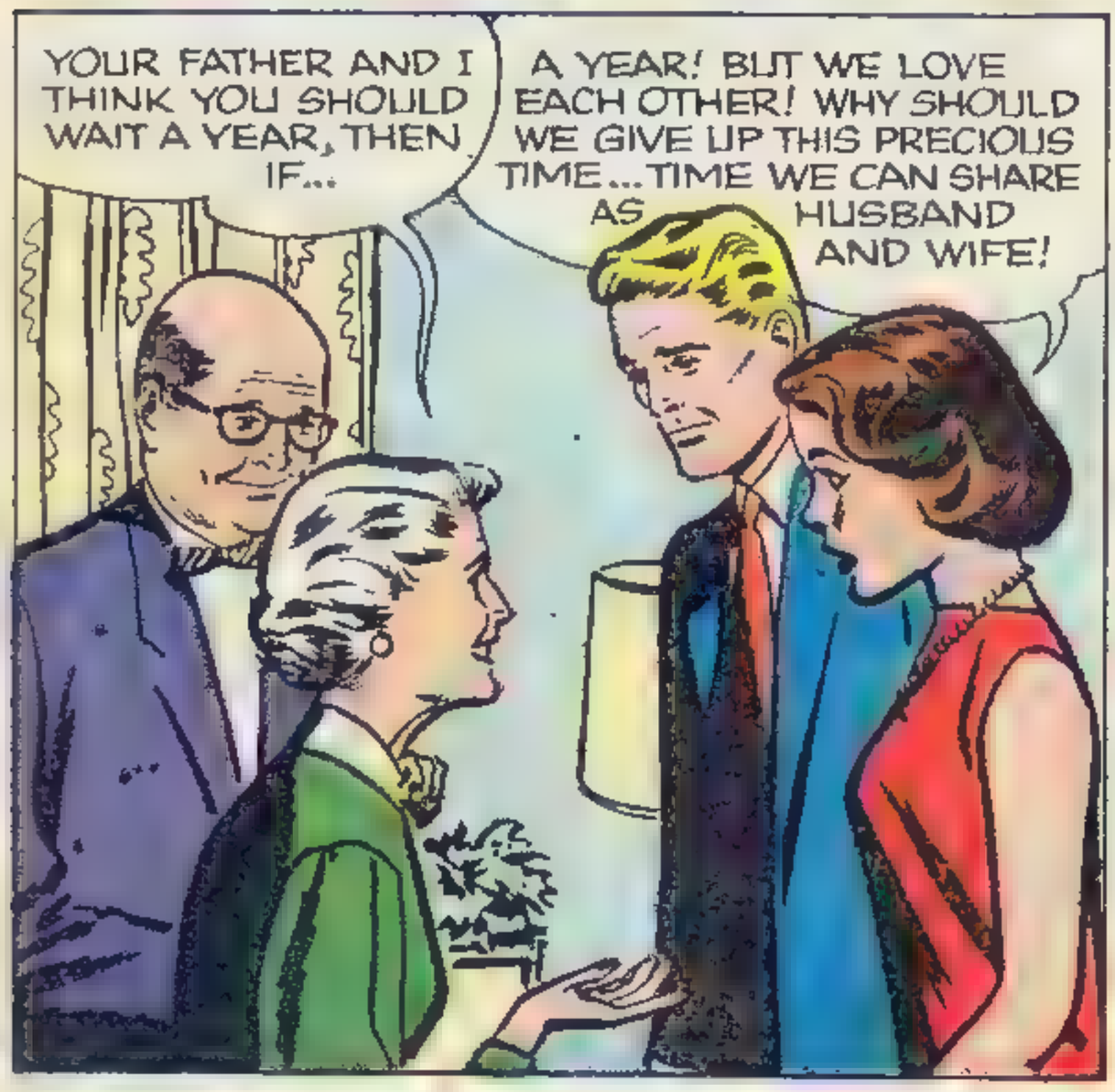
AND DO YOU PLAN A SHORT OR A LONG ENGAGEMENT, MISS WAYNE?

A SHORT ONE... WE HOPE!

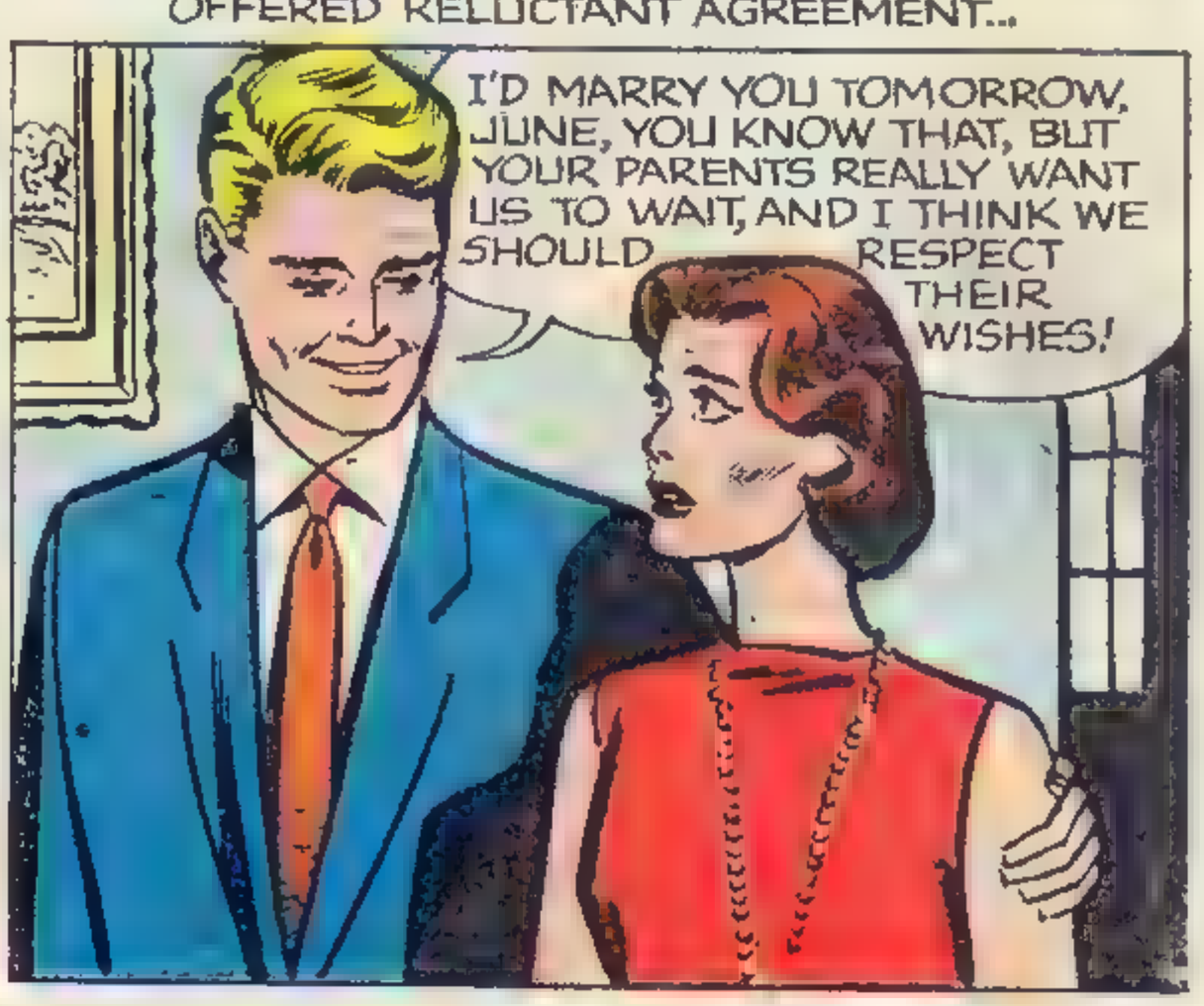
THE FOLLOWING DAY WE RETURNED BY AIR TO MY HOME. THE NEWS HAD PRECEDED US AND IT HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO MOTHER AND DAD. THEY OF COURSE EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO MARK, BUT THEIR VIEWS DIFFERED DECIDEDLY FROM OUR OWN...


IT ISN'T THAT YOUR MOTHER AND I OBJECT IN ANY WAY, JUNE, OTHER THAN THAT WE THINK THERE IS NO NEED TO RUSH THINGS!
BUT, DAD, MARK AND I...

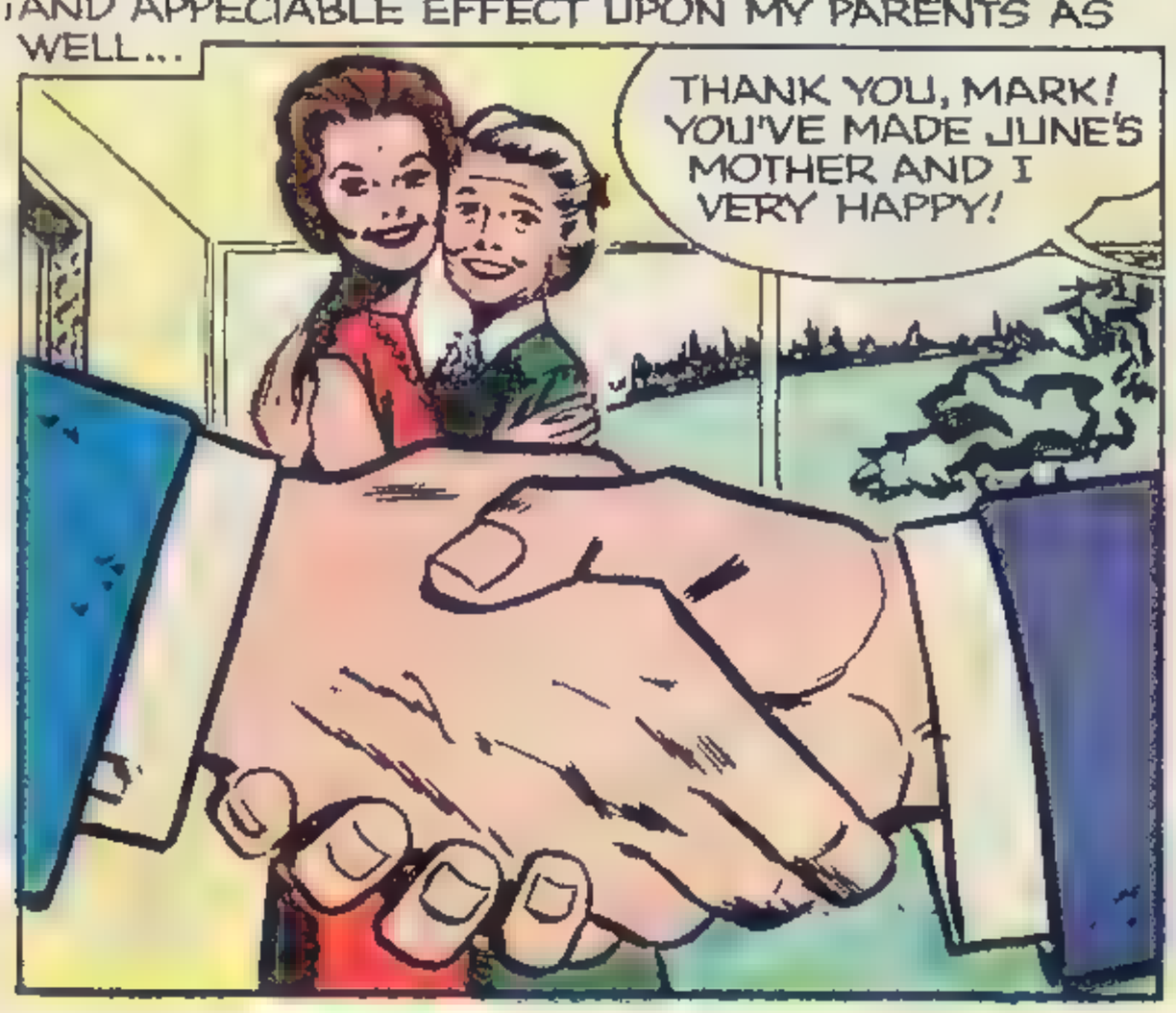

I KNOW HOW YOU AND MARK FEEL, BUT IF YOU LOVE EACH OTHER YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELVES NOT TO RUSH MATTERS! AN ENGAGEMENT OF REASONABLE LENGTH IS NOTHING TO DREAD! ACTUALLY, IT CAN BE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO PEOPLE IN LOVE!
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "REASONABLE LENGTH", MOTHER?


YOUR FATHER AND I THINK YOU SHOULD WAIT A YEAR, THEN IF...
A YEAR! BUT WE LOVE EACH OTHER! WHY SHOULD WE GIVE UP THIS PRECIOUS TIME...TIME WE CAN SHARE AS HUSBAND AND WIFE!

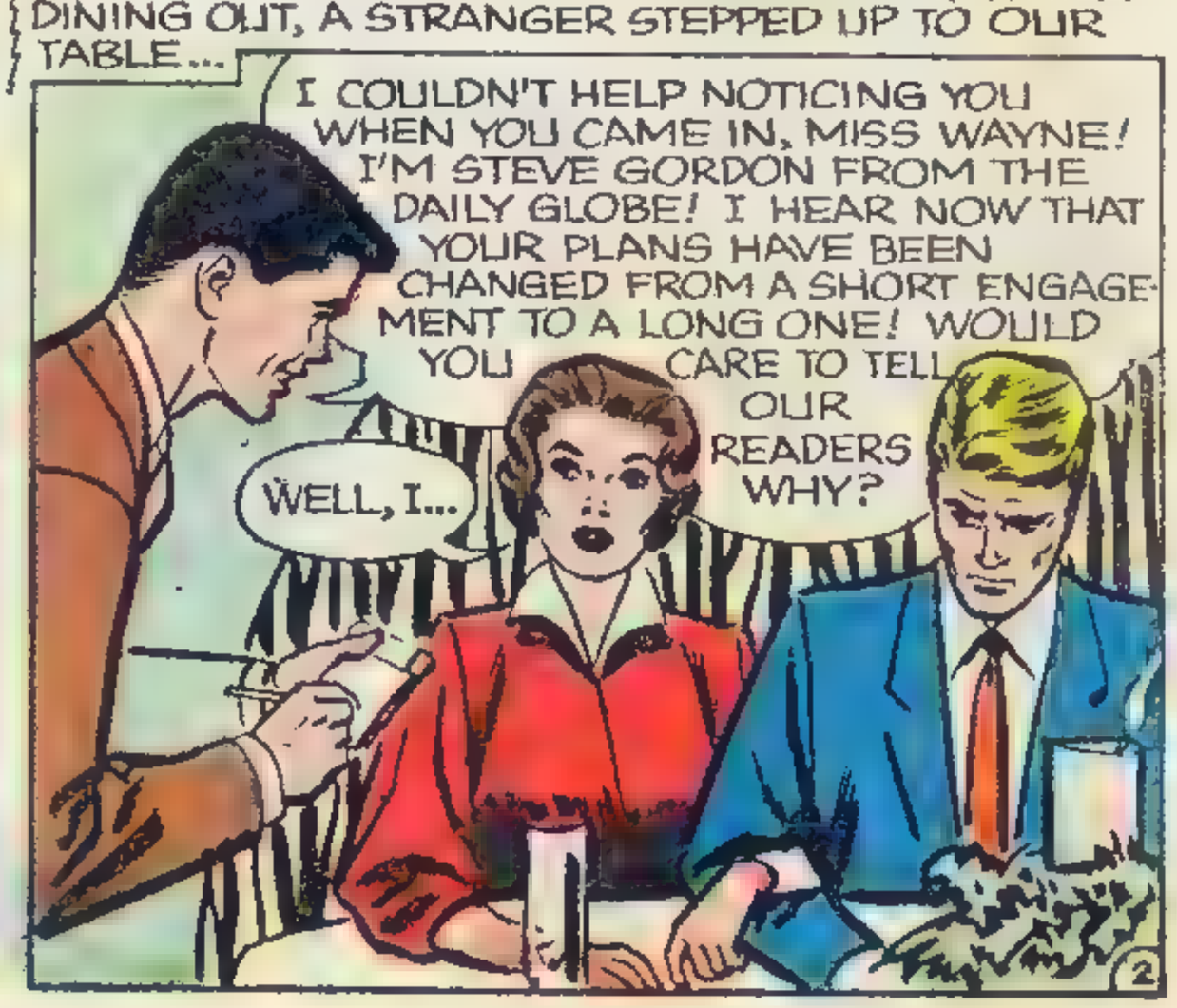
I DIDN'T GIVE UP EASILY, BUT THEY PREVAILED UPON US, IMPLORED, APPEALED TO OUR COMMON SENSE, AND BEGGED THAT WE GIVE THEIR PLAN A TRIAL. ACTUALLY, IT WAS MARK, NOT I, WHO OFFERED RELUCTANT AGREEMENT...


I'D MARRY YOU TOMORROW, JUNE, YOU KNOW THAT, BUT YOUR PARENTS REALLY WANT US TO WAIT, AND I THINK WE SHOULD RESPECT THEIR WISHES!

OF COURSE I CONSENTED, AND I FELT SO PROUD OF MARK, OF THE FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING HE HAD SHOWN... AND I KNEW THAT IT HAD A PROFOUND AND APPECIABLE EFFECT UPON MY PARENTS AS WELL...



SO OUR PLANS WERE CHANGED, AND WE ADOPTED AS CHEERFUL AN ATTITUDE AS WE COULD. THEN ONE EVENING, ABOUT A WEEK LATER, WHILE DINING OUT, A STRANGER STEPPED UP TO OUR TABLE...


I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING YOU WHEN YOU CAME IN, MISS WAYNE! I'M STEVE GORDON FROM THE DAILY GLOBE! I HEAR NOW THAT YOUR PLANS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM A SHORT ENGAGEMENT TO A LONG ONE! WOULD YOU CARE TO TELL OUR READERS WHY?
WELL, I...
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HOLD ON NOW! MISS WAYNE DOESN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING, BUT I WILL! IT ISN'T ANYONE'S BUSINESS WHY WE'VE CHANGED OUR PLANS! TELL THAT TO YOUR READERS!

I'LL TELL THEM SOMETHING ELSE! I THINK MISS WAYNE WAS SMART TO CHOOSE A LONG ENGAGEMENT... I'D SAY THE LONGER THE BETTER!

A REAL FRESH MONKEY! ANY OTHER PLACE OR TIME, AND I'D HAVE DONE MORE THAN TALK!

DON'T LET IT UPSET YOU, DARLING! CHASING AFTER NEWS ITEMS HAPPENS TO BE HIS JOB! WE'D BE FOOLISH TO LET IT SPOIL OUR EVENING!

WE PUT THE INCIDENT OUT OF OUR MIND AND OUR EVENING TOGETHER WAS WONDERFUL AS USUAL. THEN, ALONG AFTER MIDNIGHT, WHEN MARK BROUGHT ME HOME...

IT SEEMS SO LONG TO WAIT YET, DARLING! THIS WILL BE THE LONGEST YEAR OF MY LIFE!

MINE TOO! THIS WEEK ALONE SEEMS LIKE A YEAR, AND IT LEAVES FIFTY ONE TO GO!

WE SAID GOOD NIGHT, AND IN MARK'S EMBRACE, HIS LIPS MEETING MINE IN A GENTLE KISS, MY DOUBTS AND ANGUISH RECEDED LIKE MIST BEFORE THE SUN...

SLOWLY THOUGH, THE TIME DID GO BY. FOUR MONTHS HAD PASSED, AND THEN, ALTHOUGH SCARCELY NOTICEABLE AT FIRST, A CHANGE SEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN MARK... FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS THE NIGHT WHEN WE WERE GOING TO THE CLUB DANCE...

FOR PETE'S SAKE, FELLA, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PUMP A LITTLE GAS? YOU NEED ALL NIGHT?

GAS

YOU WERE ALMOST EMPTY, SIR! I'M JUST ABOUT FINISHED!

IT SHOWED UP AT OTHER TIMES TOO, A SUDDEN FLURRY OF TEMPER THAT WOULD COME WITHOUT WARNING, AND IN MOST INSTANCES IT WAS UNCALLED FOR...

IT'S BEEN OVER TWENTY MINUTES SINCE WE GAVE YOU OUR ORDER! HOW LONG ARE PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO WAIT?!

I'M SORRY YOU AND THE LADY HAD TO WAIT, SIR, BUT AS YOU SEE, WE'RE TERRIBLY BUSY!

I COULD SCARCELY SLEEP THAT NIGHT AS THE RECOLLECTION OF MARK'S BEHAVIOR KEPT PASSING THROUGH MY THOUGHTS...

OF COURSE, HE COULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF SORTS, OR TIRED! I SUPPOSE ALL OF US LOSE OUR TEMPERS FROM TIME TO TIME, AND YET...

BUT ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER ANOTHER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE, ONE THAT LEFT NO ROOM FOR DOUBT! WE HAD JUST LEFT THE THEATER WHEN THIS MAN APPROACHED US...

COULD YOU HELP ME OUT WITH A LITTLE SOMETHING, MISTER? I'VE HAD A RUN OF BAD LUCK! I'VE BEEN SICK... LOST MY JOB...

NOTHING DOING, BUSTER! DON'T PLAY ME FOR A SUCKER!

ELVIS SM

WAIT, MARK! I THINK THAT POOR MAN IS IN TROUBLE!

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, JUNE! THEY'RE ALL FAKERS! BESIDES, IF THINGS AREN'T GOING FOR HIM IT'S PROBABLY HIS OWN FAULT!

THAT'S A *CRUEL* THING TO SAY!

THE TRUTH USUALLY IS! THE WAY I SEE IT IS THAT WE ALL GET PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE DESERVE! IF HE HAD ANYTHING ON THE BALL HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO STAND AROUND BEGGING!

I COULDN'T KEEP BACK THE WORDS. THEY TUMBLED FROM MY LIPS, BUT THEY WERE SPOKEN WITH CONVICTION...

YOU'RE BEING MORE THAN CRUEL, MARK! YOU'RE A *SNOB!*

YOU'RE BEING INSULTING, JUNE! I DEMAND AN APOLOGY!

IT WAS STRANGE, BUT IN ONE BLINDING MOMENT MY ENTIRE CONCEPTION OF MARK HAD UNDERGONE A CHANGE. WHAT HAD BEEN A SLOW, NAGGING SUSPICION WAS NOW A CONFIRMED FACT...

I'M SORRY I SAID THAT, MARK, AND I APOLOGIZE...

BUT MY APOLOGIZING STILL LEAVES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON YOU HAPPEN TO BE, NOT THAT I'M GOING TO JUDGE YOU, BUT I WANT TIME TO THINK THINGS OVER ABOUT US...A LOT OF TIME!.

IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH THINKING OR TIME TO KNOW THAT I COULD NEVER MARRY MARK! WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS IT WAS ALL OVER BETWEEN US. AS TIME PASSED, I KEPT PRETTY MUCH TO MYSELF, BUT ONE AFTERNOON AS I WAS LEAVING A SMALL RESTAURANT...

HI, THERE!

IT WAS **STEVE** GORDON, THE REPORTER WHOM MARK HAD ONCE REBUKED...

I'M REALLY GLAD TO RUN INTO YOU AGAIN, MISS WAYNE! I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR BREAK-UP! I HOPE MY PAPER'S COVERAGE WASN'T TOO EMBARRASSING!

NOT TOO MUCH, MR. GORDON! IN A WAY I GOT OFF EASY!

HE WAS EASY TO TALK TO. SOON I WAS TELLING HIM EVERYTHING.

...AND MY PARENTS WERE SO RIGHT! THE LONG ENGAGEMENT, THE THING I DREADED MOST, TURNED OUT TO BE A PROTECTIVE SHIELD! I LEARNED AFTERWARDS THAT MARK HAD APPROACHED MY FATHER FOR MONEY...ONLY DAD DIDN'T TELL ME, UNTIL WE BROKE UP!

I RECALL NOW WHAT YOU SAID, THAT TIME WHEN YOU STOPPED BY OUR TABLE AND MARK BECAME ANGRY! YOU SAID YOU WERE ALL FOR MY HAVING A LONG ENGAGEMENT! WHAT MADE YOU SAY THAT?

OH, A COUPLE OF REASONS!

WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT THEY WERE?

MAYBE I WILL SOMEDAY, AND THANKS FOR LETTING ME JOIN YOU!

DURING THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, I KEPT THINKING ABOUT STEVE GORDON, KEPT COMPARING HIM TO MARK...AND THERE WAS REALLY NO BASIS FOR COMPARISON...

BUT ONE NIGHT THE PHONE RANG AND A FAMILIAR VOICE SENT MY HEART RACING, PROVING CONCLUSIVELY, HOW MUCH I OWED TO THE WISDOM OF MY LONG ENGAGEMENT...

STEVE IS SO DIRECT, SO HONEST, BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING! HIS REASON FOR SAYING HE BELIEVED IN MY HAVING A LONG ENGAGEMENT! COULD IT BE THAT HE LIKED ME SOME...OR AM I WAY OFF?

THIS IS STEVE GORDON, JUNE! I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME THIS EVENING, WHILE LISTENING TO MY VIEWS ON LONG ENGAGEMENTS?

I'D LOVE TO, STEVE! I'LL BE READY AT EIGHT!

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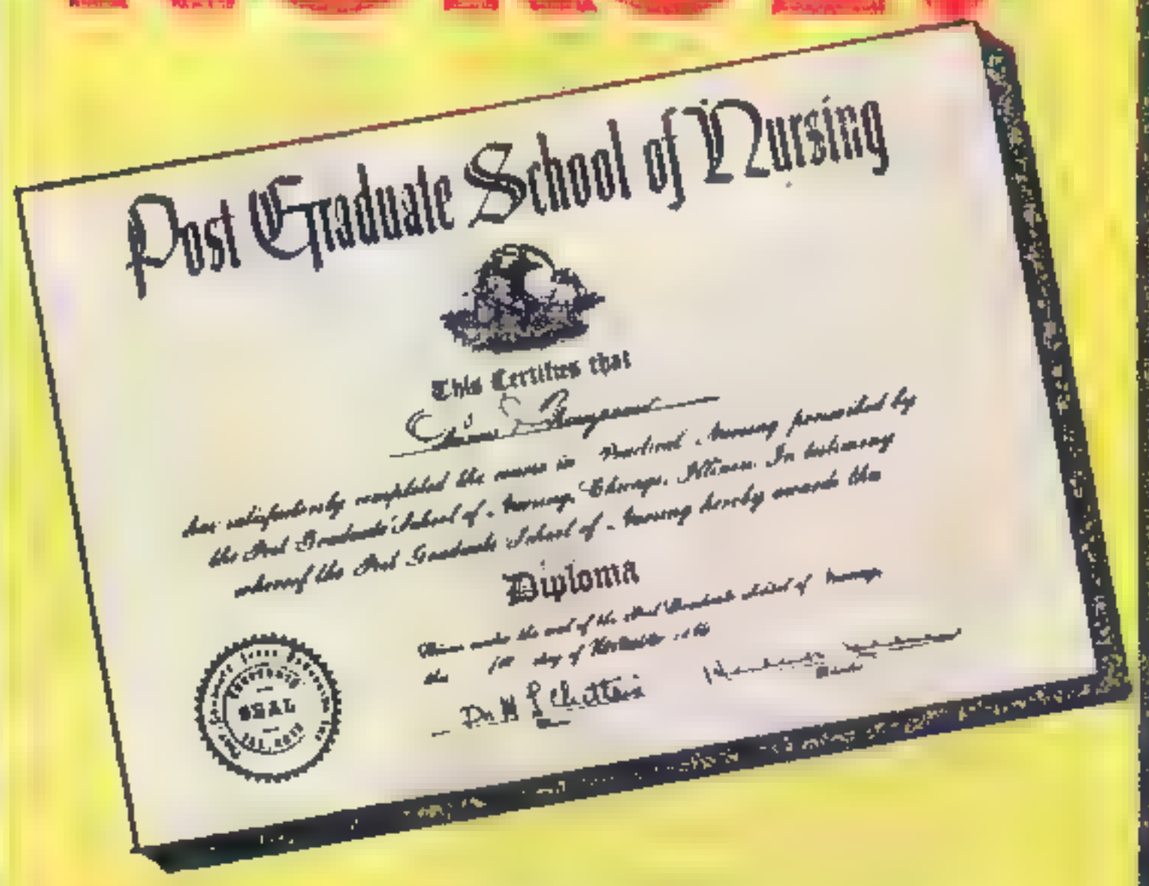

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MOTHER-IN-LAW TROUBLE

I KNOW IT'S ASKING A LOT, RUTH, BUT WITH MY FATHER GONE NOW MY MOTHER IS REALLY ALONE! I'D SO MUCH LIKE HER TO MAKE HER HOME HERE WITH US! AT LEAST WE CAN GIVE IT A TRY!

I-IT'S ALL SO SUDDEN, DARLING! IT'S SOMETHING I'VE NEVER GIVEN A THOUGHT TO...

I HAD NEVER GIVEN A THOUGHT TO MOTHER-IN-LAW TROUBLE! IT WAS A PROBLEM OTHER PEOPLE HAD TO FACE, AND SO I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH I DREADED IT, UNTIL THE DAY I FACED IT MYSELF...

I KNOW THAT, DEAR, BUT TRY SEEING IT FROM WHERE I STAND! I'M ALL MY MOTHER HAS LEFT! SHE MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME!

OF COURSE, PAUL! YOU WRITE TO HER! TELL HER TO COME AND STAY...

I KNOW IT MADE PAUL HAPPY, BUT EVEN WHEN HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME I COULDN'T HELP FEELING FEARFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THE CHANGES THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE WITH MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S ARRIVAL...

I HAD NEVER MET MY MOTHER-IN-LAW! HER HOME WAS ON THE COAST, AND IN THE THREE YEARS PAUL AND I HAD BEEN MARRIED, AND WITH THE BIRTH OF OUR SON, A VISIT WASN'T POSSIBLE! NOW AS THE DAY GREW CLOSE, MY FEARS INCREASED...

WHAT IF WE DON'T GET ALONG? WHAT SORT OF STAND WOULD PAUL TAKE? THERE'S SO MUCH AT STAKE... OUR MARRIAGE, THE HAPPINESS WE'VE KNOWN TOGETHER...

BUT I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN! I SIMPLY WON'T LET ANYONE OR ANYTHING INTERFERE! I'LL FIGHT BACK, WITH EVERY WEAPON I HAVE!

IT WAS AROUND THIS TIME THAT I HAD A TALK WITH DORIS, A NEIGHBOR AND OLD FRIEND! I SUPPOSE MY STATE OF ANXIETY WAS FAIRLY OBVIOUS, AND SO I SPOKE MY MIND...

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, RUTH, AND I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING SCARED! IT'S NOT THAT I'M TRYING TO MAKE MOTHERS-IN-LAW LOOK LIKE SOME KIND OF MONSTER, BUT THEY CAN SURE GIVE TROUBLE, AND I KNOW!

YOU'LL FIND HER CRITICAL... OF THE HOUSE, THE WAY YOU LOOK AND HOW YOU RAISE THE CHILDREN! NOT RIGHT AWAY THOUGH, BUT AFTER SHE'S BEEN THERE AWHILE YOU CAN EXPECT IT! AT THE BEGINNING, YOU PROBABLY WON'T EVEN KNOW IT'S HAPPENING!

HOW DO YOU MEAN?

OH, SHE'LL SAY SHE'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING, EXPRESS AN OPINION, SOMETHING ON THAT ORDER! THAT'S THE TIME TO BE ON GUARD! BE POLITE BUT FIRM! MAKE HER UNDERSTAND YOU'RE RUNNING THE HOME! THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT!

YES, DORIS! I'LL REMEMBER!

A WEEK LATER THE FATEFUL DAY ARRIVED! PAUL BROUGHT HIS MOTHER HOME JUST BEFORE DINNER, AND THOUGH I PUT ON MY BEST SMILE I WASN'T LETTING MY DEFENSES DOWN FOR A MINUTE...

I KNOW YOU TWO GIRLS ARE GOING TO GET ALONG GREAT!

OF COURSE WE SHALL, PAUL! WON'T WE, RUTH?

WE CERTAINLY SHALL, MOTHER, BUT RIGHT NOW, AFTER YOUR LONG TRIP, WE WANT TO TREAT YOU AS A GUEST! YOU GET ALL THE REST YOU NEED AND TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS YOU NEED TO GET SETTLED!

I'LL BE SETTLED AS SOON AS I UNPACK, DEAR, AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN! I WANT TO HELP AS MUCH AS I CAN!

THE WORD *HELP* MADE ME SHUDDER! IT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS DORIS HAD WARNED ME ABOUT...

THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO LET MYSELF BECOME OBLIGATED! ONCE THAT HAPPENS, AND I FEEL INDEBTED, THEN I'LL LOSE MY AUTHORITY... AND ONCE THAT'S GONE, EVERYTHING ELSE FOLLOWS!

THAT FIRST WEEK I INSISTED THAT MY MOTHER-IN-LAW TAKE THINGS EASY, BUT I WAS AWARE OF HER WATCHING ME WITH A CRITICAL EYE! THE WAY I TENDED THE BABY, HOW I PREPARED THE MEALS, THE WAY I MAINTAINED MY HOME...

I CAN EXPECT IT ANY DAY NOW... NOW THAT I'VE BEEN UNDER SUCH CAREFUL OBSERVATION...

AND THEN IT HAPPENED, RIGHT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AND THE PHRASING OF THE WORDS WERE ALMOST EXACTLY AS DORIS SAID THEY WOULD BE...

OH, RUTH DEAR, DO YOU MIND VERY MUCH IF I EXPRESS AN OPINION...?

NO, MOTHER... I WISH YOU WOULD...

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I'M TRYING TO FIND THE WORDS! I'VE BEEN HERE A WEEK NOW, AND I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE THINGS! HOW YOU GO ABOUT YOUR DAY, THE WAY YOU CARE FOR THE BABY AND LOOK AFTER PAUL AND THE HOUSE!

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE THESE THINGS...?

NOW THAT I'VE SEEN IT I CAN BELIEVE EVERYTHING PAUL TOLD ME ABOUT YOU... HOW ***WONDERFUL*** YOU REALLY ARE!

YOU MEAN... THEN YOU'RE NOT...

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OF COURSE I MEAN IT! ALL WEEK I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU AND ADMIRING YOU! FRANKLY, RUTH, I WASN'T HALF AS CAPABLE WHEN I WAS, YOUR AGE! I'M TRULY PROUD OF MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW!

AND ALL ALONG I THOUGHT...

I WAS SO RELIEVED, SO HAPPY, I COULDN'T HOLD OUT! I HAD TO TELL ALL... THE DREAD, THE FEAR... EVERYTHING...

BUT WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! SO AFRAID, SHUTTING YOU OUT... THINKING THE WORST POSSIBLE THINGS!

I DON'T BLAME YOU THE LEAST BIT, RUTH! I'D HAVE FELT THE SAME, PROBABLY MORE SO, IF I WERE FACED WITH THE SAME THING!

IT WAS THAT KIND OF HONESTY, THAT KIND OF SINCERITY THAT TYPIFIED MY MOTHER-IN-LAW! AND FROM THAT DAY FORWARD I CAME TO REALIZE WHAT A BLESSING SHE REALLY WAS...

WE WON'T BE TOO LONG, MOTHER!

DON'T GIVE ME A THOUGHT! I'LL BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE WITH DAVID! STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, CHILDREN, AND HAVE FUN!

AND THE THINGS SHE DID FOR US, THE THOUSAND AND ONE THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION...

IT'S NICE GETTING OUT THIS WAY!

THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER, DARLING, IT'S LIKE IT USED TO BE, WHEN WE WERE DATING, ONLY BETTER!

TIME DIDN'T CHANGE MATTERS, EXCEPT PERHAPS TO IMPROVE WHAT HAD TURNED OUT TO BE A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP! THE THING I HAD DREADED, WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE A THREAT TO MY HAPPINESS, HAD INCREASED IT MANY TIMES OVER...

THEN YOU CHILDREN AREN'T DISAPPOINTED IN MY LIVING WITH YOU?

WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE YOU, MOTHER! AND ALL THAT TALK ABOUT MOTHER-IN-LAW TROUBLE... I THINK MOST OF IT IS JUST OLD WIVES' TALES AND TALK!

I SPOKE FROM MY HEART, AND WHAT I SAID I MEANT...

SOMEDAY, WHEN LITTLE DAVID GROWS UP HE'LL MARRY AND THEN I'LL BE A MOTHER-IN-LAW! IF SHE'LL LOVE ME ONLY HALF AS MUCH AS I LOVE MINE I'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM! MAYBE ... IF ALL YOUNG MOTHERS REALIZED THAT SOMEDAY THEY'LL BE MOTHERS-IN-LAWS, MAYBE THEN MOTHER-IN-LAW TROUBLE WOULD CEASE TO EXIST!

The End

GIRLS WHO WEAR Glasses

I WAS A FOOL TO ACCEPT GAIL'S INVITATION! PARTIES HAVE ONLY ONE EFFECT ON ME... I ALWAYS END UP FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF!

Jay Scott Pike

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WEARING GLASSES IMPROVED MY VISION, BUT THEY DID NOTHING FOR MY MORALE. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY MADE ME FEEL TERRIBLY SELF CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY APPEARANCE, AND SO I REMAINED IN THE BACKGROUND, AN ONLOOKER, WHILE LIFE AND ROMANCE PASSED ME BY...

BUT THE NEXT MOMENT GAIL HAD JOINED ME, AND WITH HER WAS HANDSOME WAYNE TAYLOR! THERE WAS A QUIET, FRIENDLY AIR ABOUT HIM, AND A KEEN, SEARCHING GLANCE TO HIS GREY, INTELLIGENT EYES...

WAYNE'S AN ILLUSTRATOR, JOYCE! YOU'VE SEEN HIS WORK IN THE NATIONAL MAGAZINES!

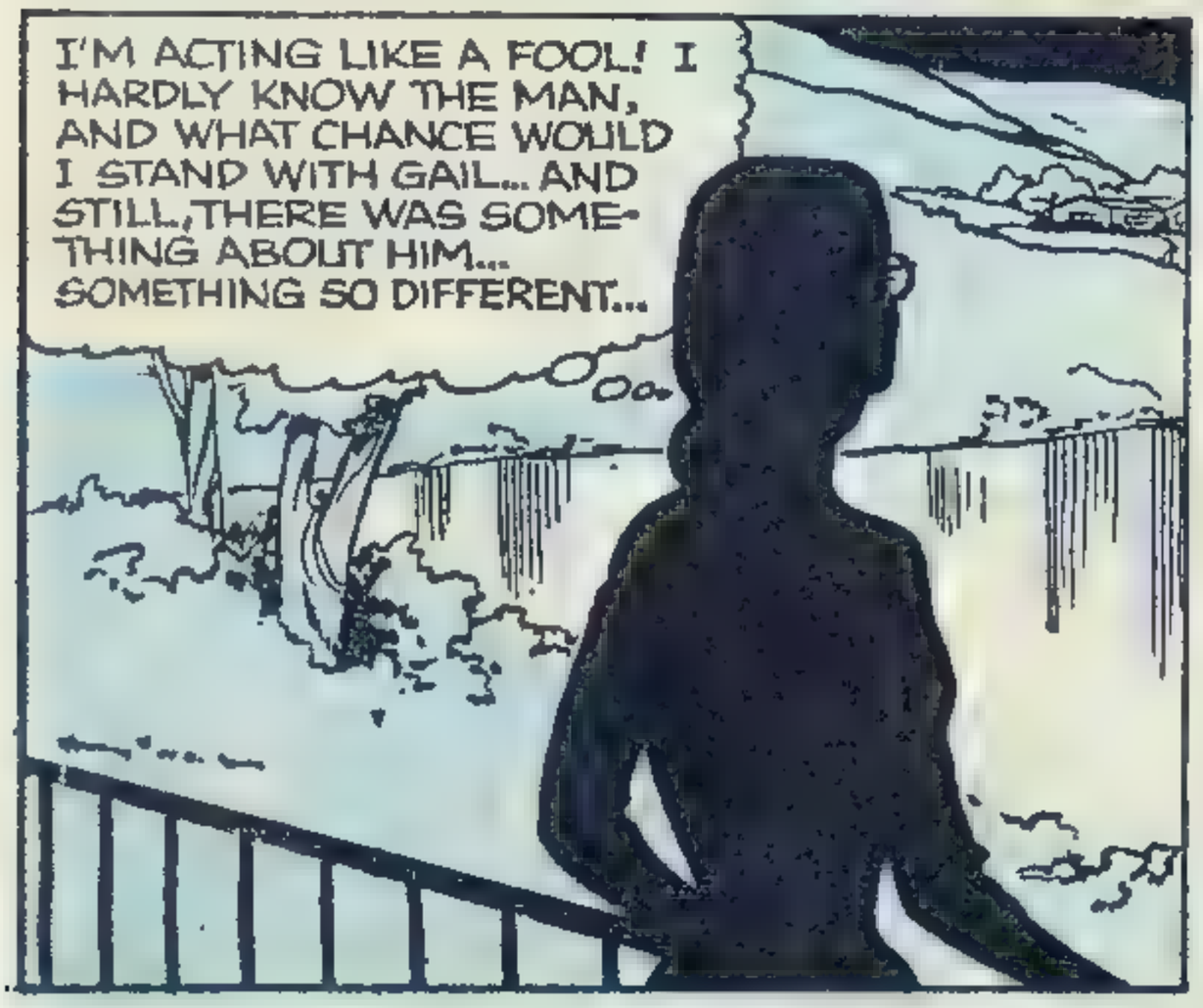
YES... AND I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED THEM!

HOW I WISHED THE CONVERSATION COULD HAVE CONTINUED, BUT GAIL SAW TO THAT! BEFORE ANOTHER WORD COULD BE SAID SHE HAD COMPLETED HER MANEUVER...

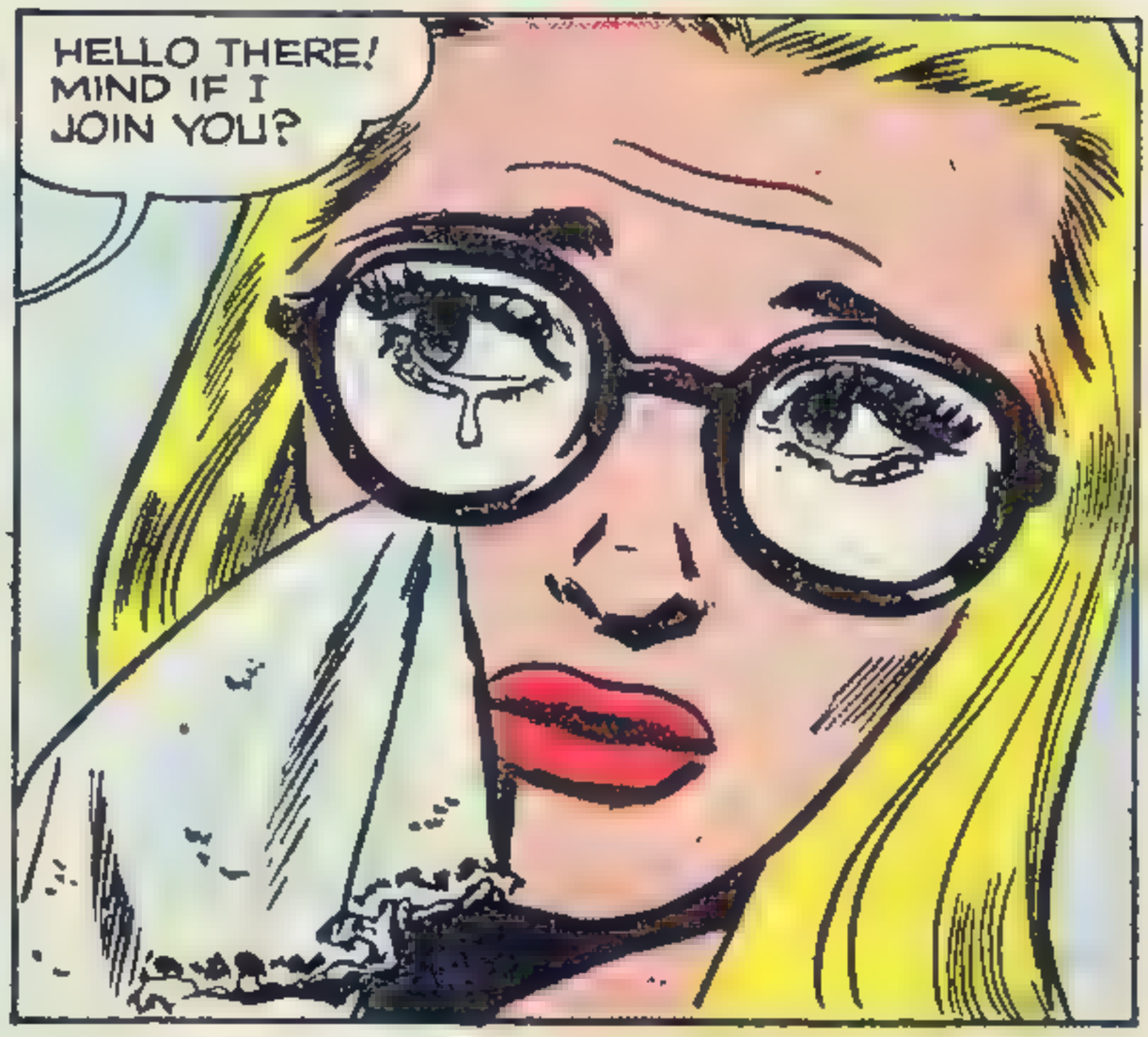
YOU'LL EXCUSE US, WON'T YOU, DARLING?

O..OF COURSE! NICE MEETING YOU...MR. TAYLOR!

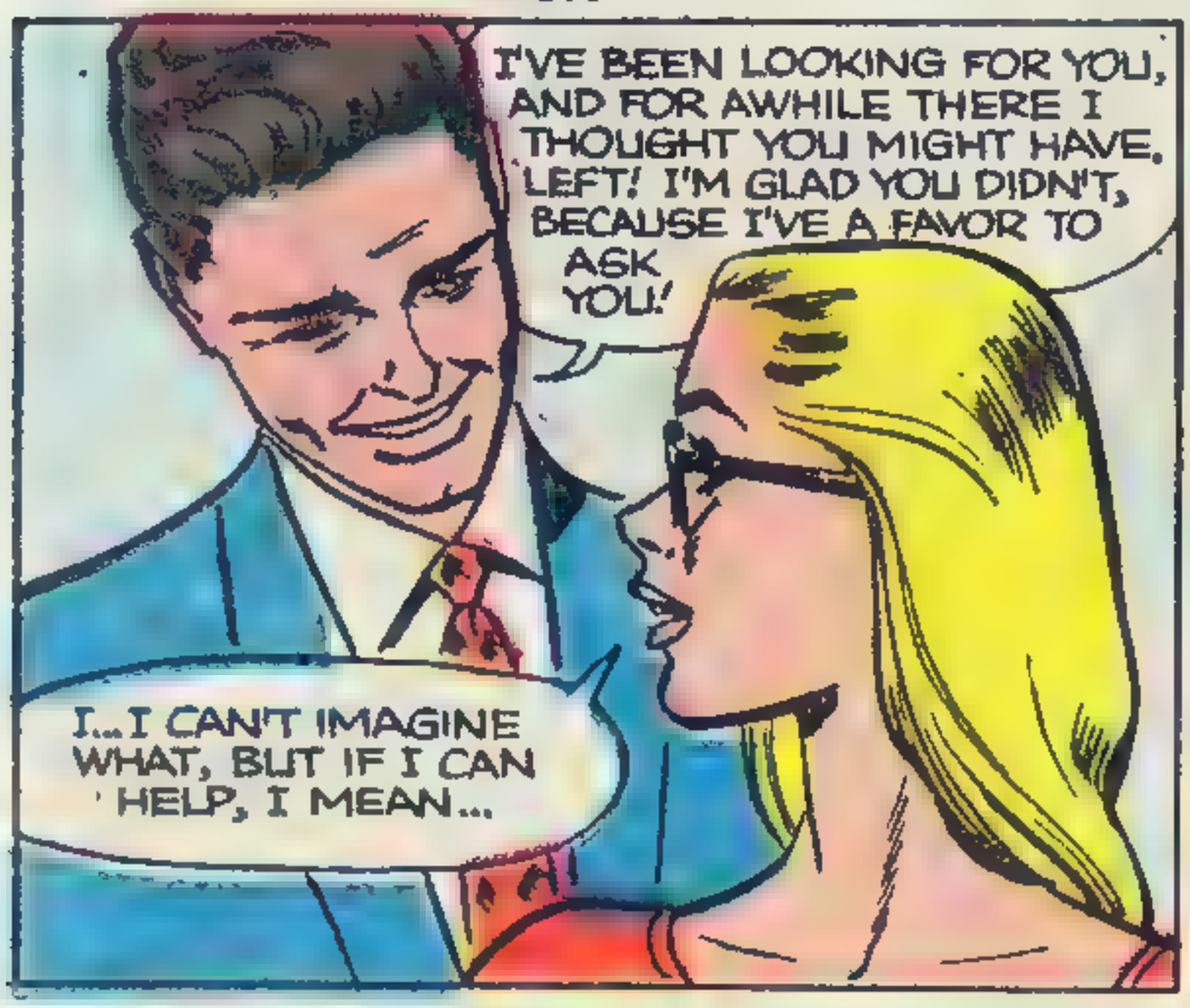
AS USUAL, I WANDERED OFF BY MYSELF, ONLY THIS TIME I FELT MORE LONELY THAN EVER. IN A WAY WAYNE TAYLOR WAS THE CAUSE OF IT... STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND...


I'M ACTING LIKE A FOOL! I HARDLY KNOW THE MAN, AND WHAT CHANCE WOULD I STAND WITH GAIL... AND STILL, THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM... SOMETHING SO DIFFERENT...

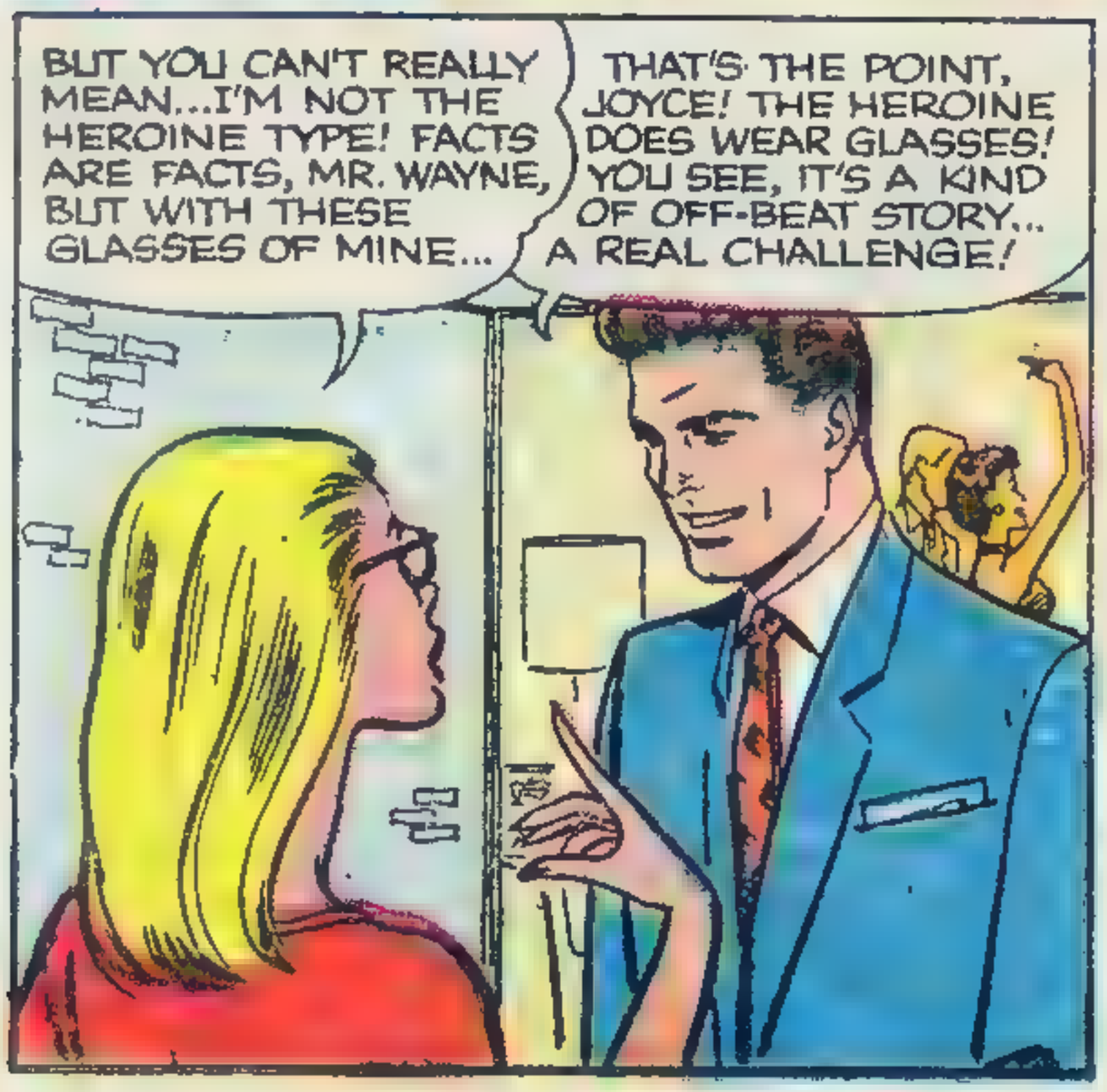
BUT THE VERY NEXT MOMENT I WAS TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE...



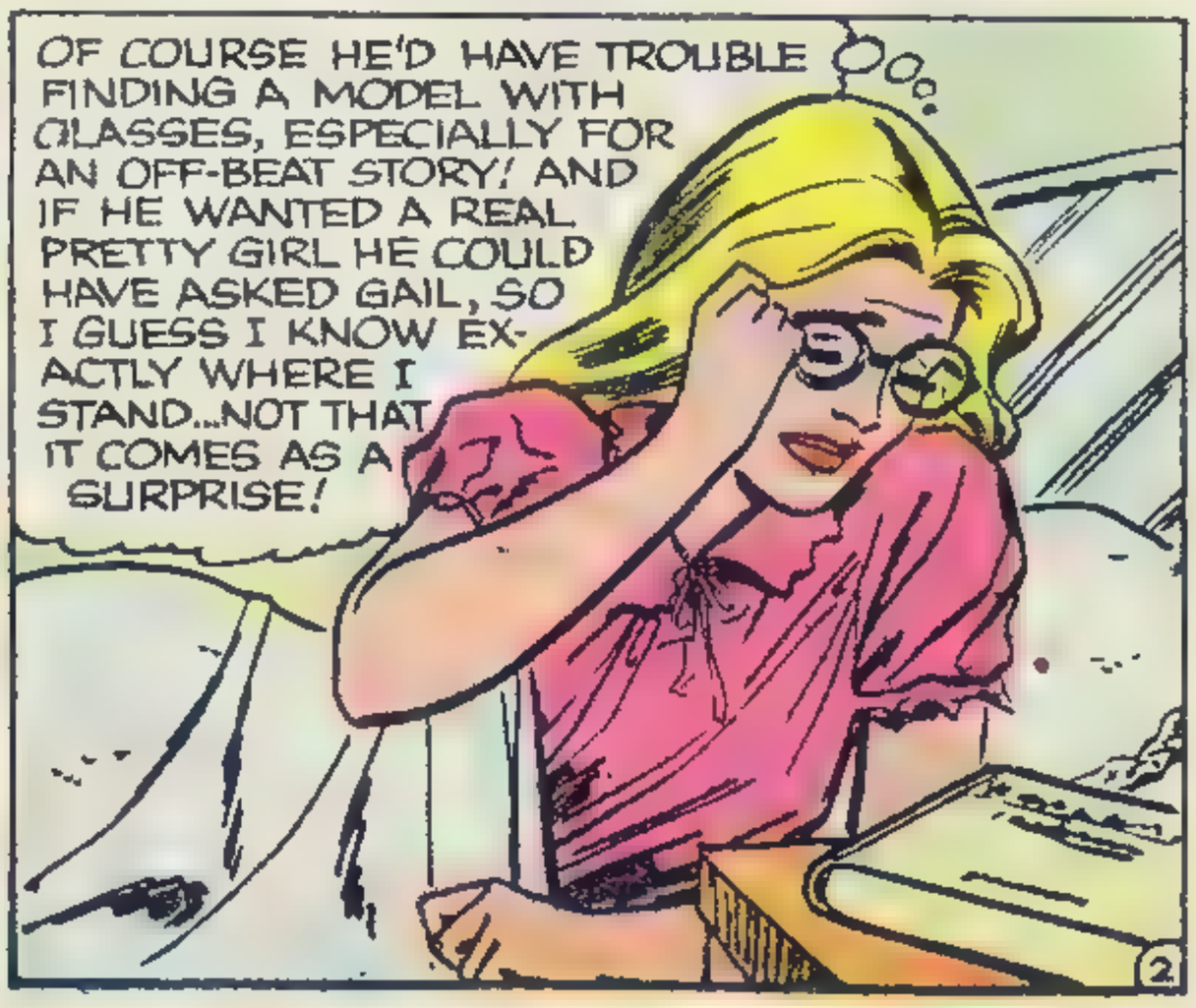
I TURNED, AND ONCE AGAIN THE GREY, THOUGHTFUL EYES SEARCHED MY OWN, AND I COULDN'T HELP FEELING FLUSTERED AND TERRIBLY SELF CONSCIOUS...


I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, AND FOR AWHILE THERE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE LEFT! I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T, BECAUSE I'VE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU!
I...I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT, BUT IF I CAN HELP, I MEAN...

YOU CAN HELP, AND I'D BE TERRIBLY INDEBTED! RIGHT NOW I'M ILLUSTRATING A NEW SERIAL APPEARING IN A NATIONAL WEEKLY! MY PROBLEM WAS FINDING A MODEL WHO TYPIFIED THE HEROINE, BUT IT'S NO LONGER A PROBLEM! YOU'LL DO PERFECTLY!
ME!


BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY MEAN...I'M NOT THE HEROINE TYPE! FACTS ARE FACTS, MR. WAYNE, BUT WITH THESE GLASSES OF MINE...
THAT'S THE POINT, JOYCE! THE HEROINE DOES WEAR GLASSES! YOU SEE, IT'S A KIND OF OFF-BEAT STORY... A REAL CHALLENGE!

IN A WAY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FLATTERED, BUT ONE THOUGHT KEPT GOING ROUND AND ROUND IN MY HEAD...KEEPING ME AWAKE MOST OF THE NIGHT...


OF COURSE HE'D HAVE TROUBLE FINDING A MODEL WITH GLASSES, ESPECIALLY FOR AN OFF-BEAT STORY! AND IF HE WANTED A REAL PRETTY GIRL HE COULD HAVE ASKED GAIL, SO I GUESS I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I STAND...NOT THAT IT COMES AS A SURPRISE!
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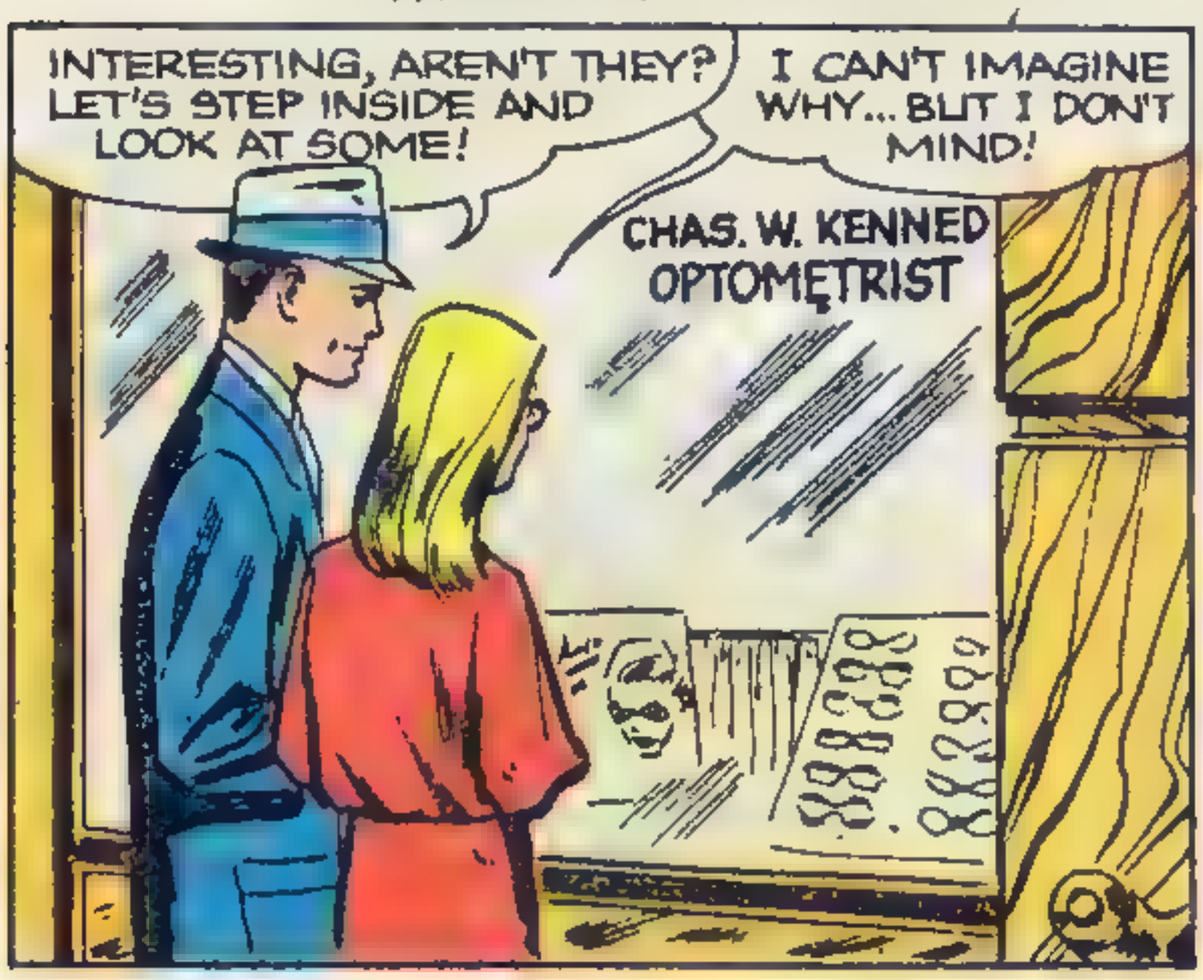
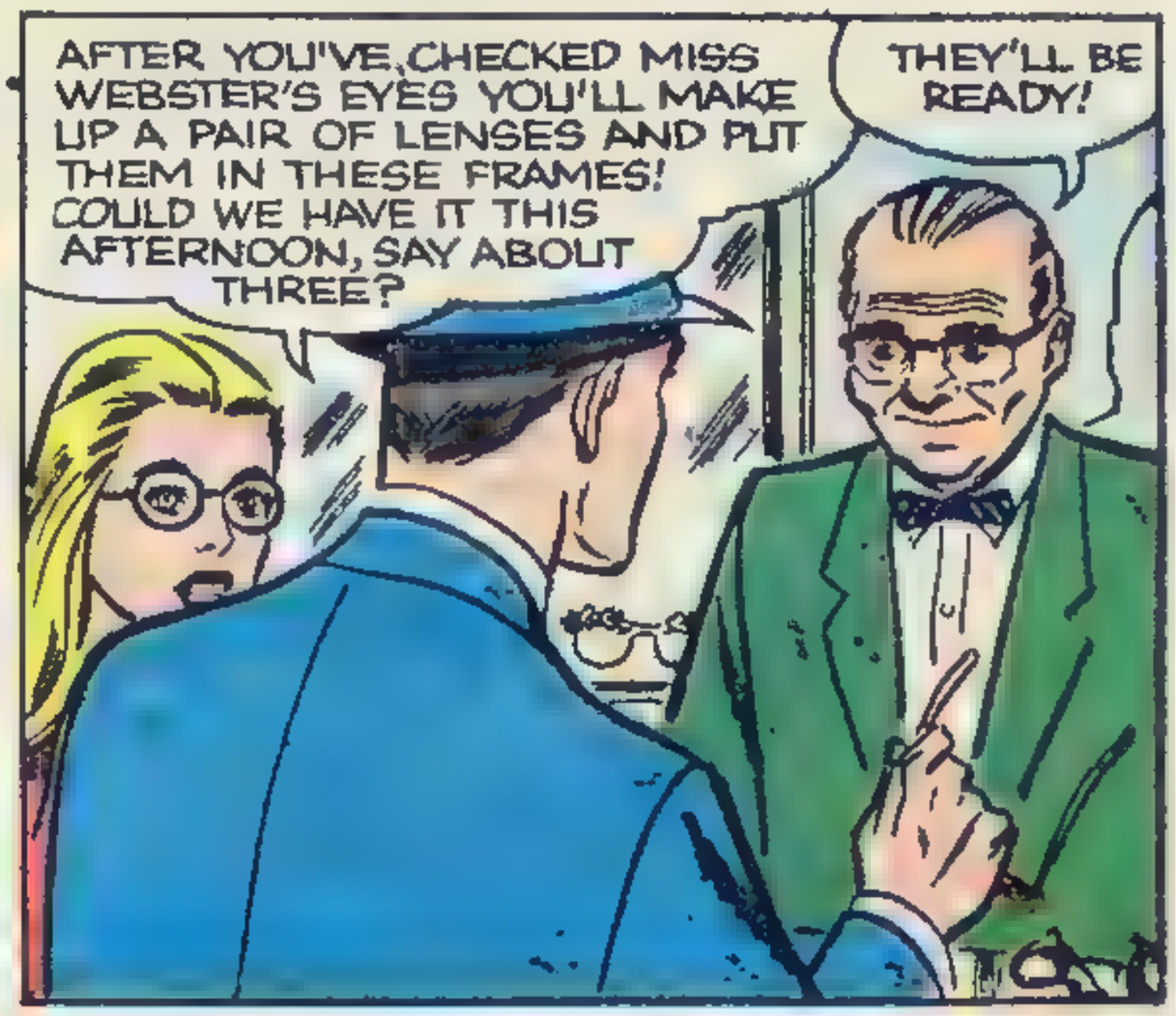
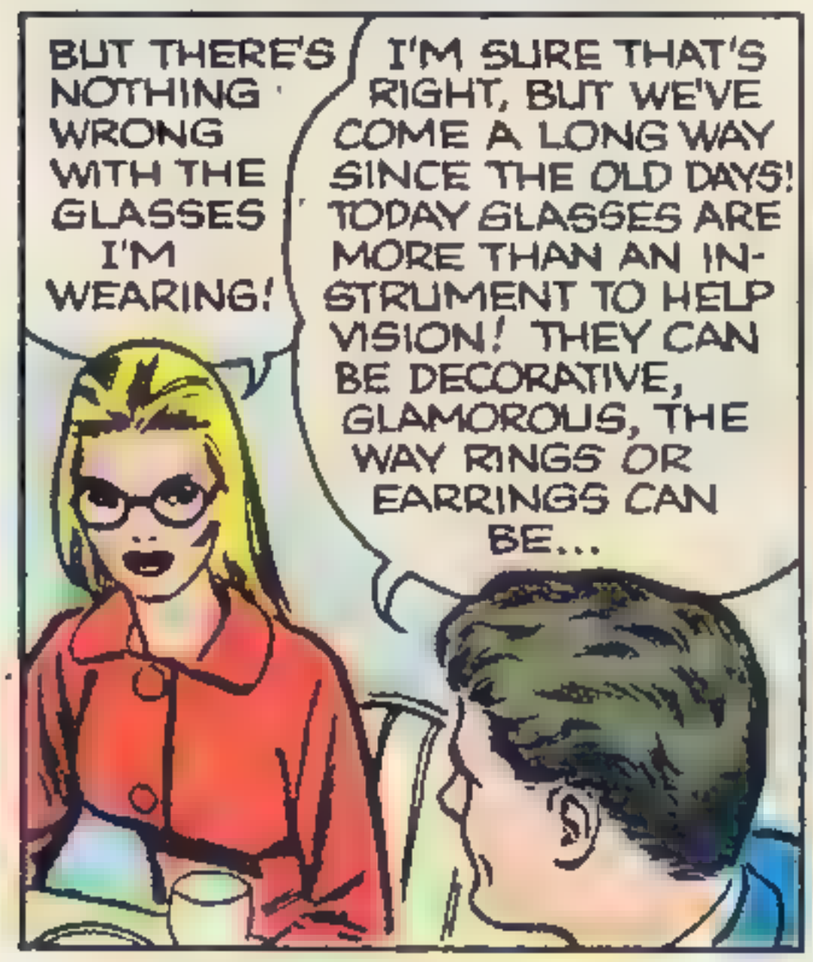
WE MET THE FOLLOWING DAY AS PLANNED, BUT TO MY SURPRISE WE DIDN'T GO DIRECTLY TO THE STUDIO. INSTEAD WAYNE BROUGHT ME TO A HALT BEFORE A FASHIONABLE OPTOMETRIST'S WINDOW...



IT BECAME MORE BEWILDERING BY THE MOMENT! WAYNE KEPT LOOKING AT PAIR AFTER PAIR, THEN DECIDED ON ONE...


AFTER YOU'VE CHECKED MISS WEBSTER'S EYES YOU'LL MAKE UP A PAIR OF LENSES AND PUT THEM IN THESE FRAMES! COULD WE HAVE IT THIS AFTERNOON, SAY ABOUT THREE?
THEY'LL BE READY!

WAYNE WOULD HEAR NONE OF MY PROTESTS, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL WE WERE HAVING LUNCH THAT HE MADE A FEW CONCESSIONS TO MY CURIOSITY...

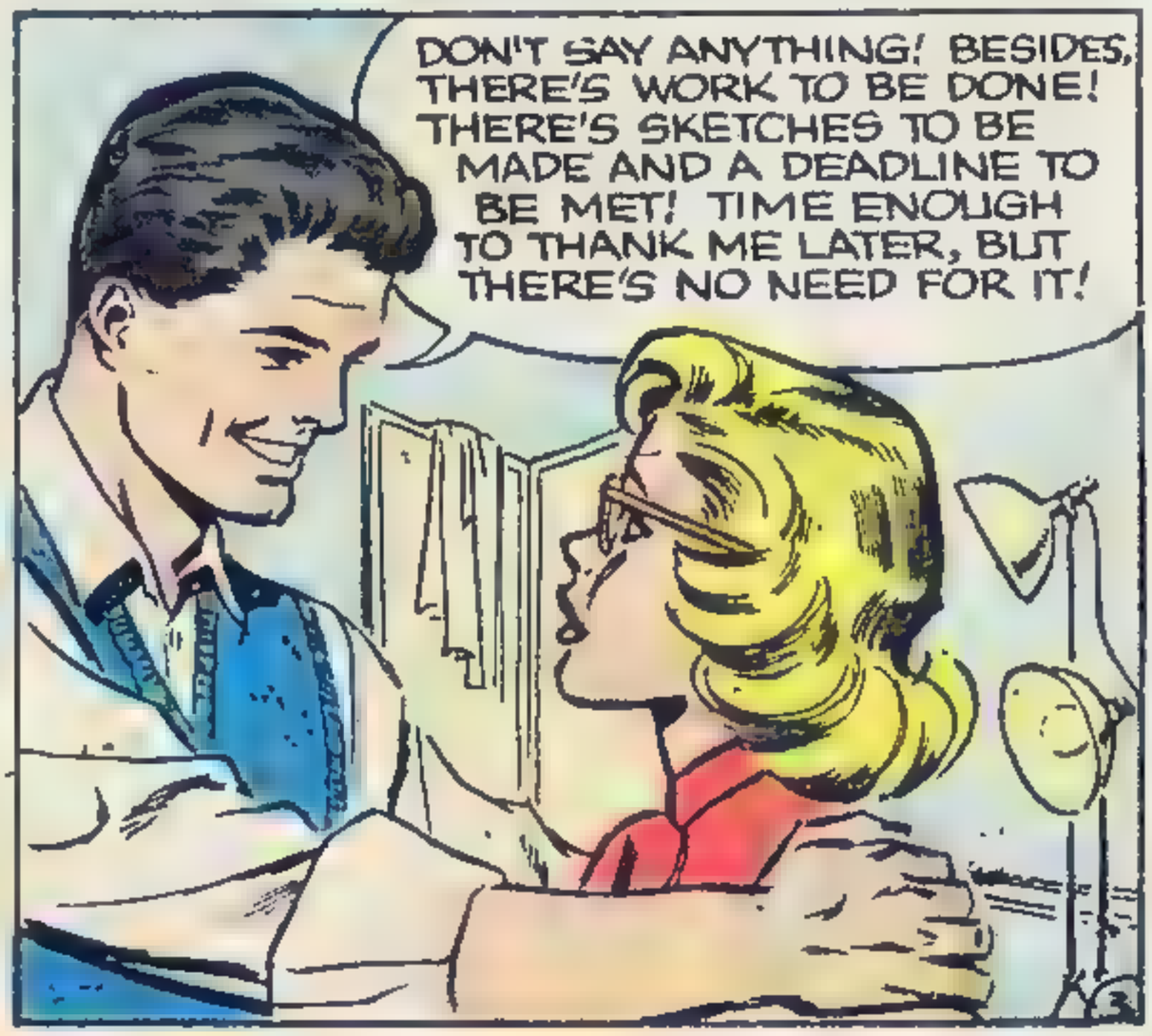

BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GLASSES I'M WEARING!
I'M SURE THAT'S RIGHT, BUT WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE OLD DAYS! TODAY GLASSES ARE MORE THAN AN INSTRUMENT TO HELP VISION! THEY CAN BE DECORATIVE, GLAMOROUS, THE WAY RINGS OR EARRINGS CAN BE...

BESIDES, THE HEROINE IN THE STORY IS NO SHY LITTLE MOUSE, EVEN IF SHE DOES WEAR GLASSES! SHE'S A DEFINITE PERSONALITY, AND THAT REMINDS ME, WE'LL WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR HAIR!
MY HAIR! BUT REALLY, WAYNE...

AGAIN MY PROTESTS WERE OVERRULED, WITH WAYNE SUPERVISING EVERY DETAIL. FINALLY, AFTER CHANGES IN HAIR STYLING AND MAKEUP, AND MY NEW GLASSES...

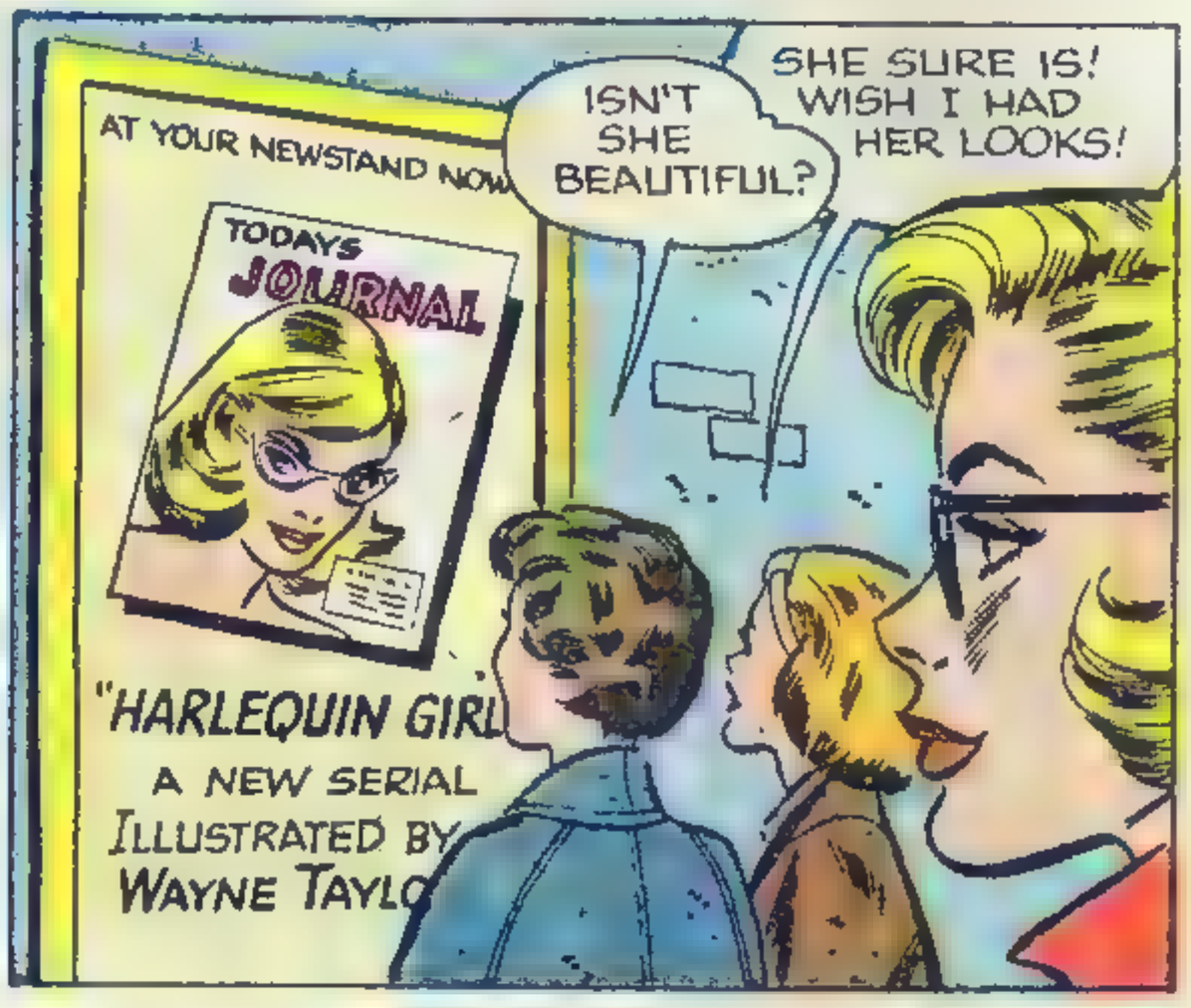
AND WHEN I STOOD BEFORE THE MIRROR, I WASN'T QUITE PREPARED FOR WHAT I SAW...

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, WHERE TO BEGIN. HELPLESSLY I GROPED FOR THE RIGHT WORDS...

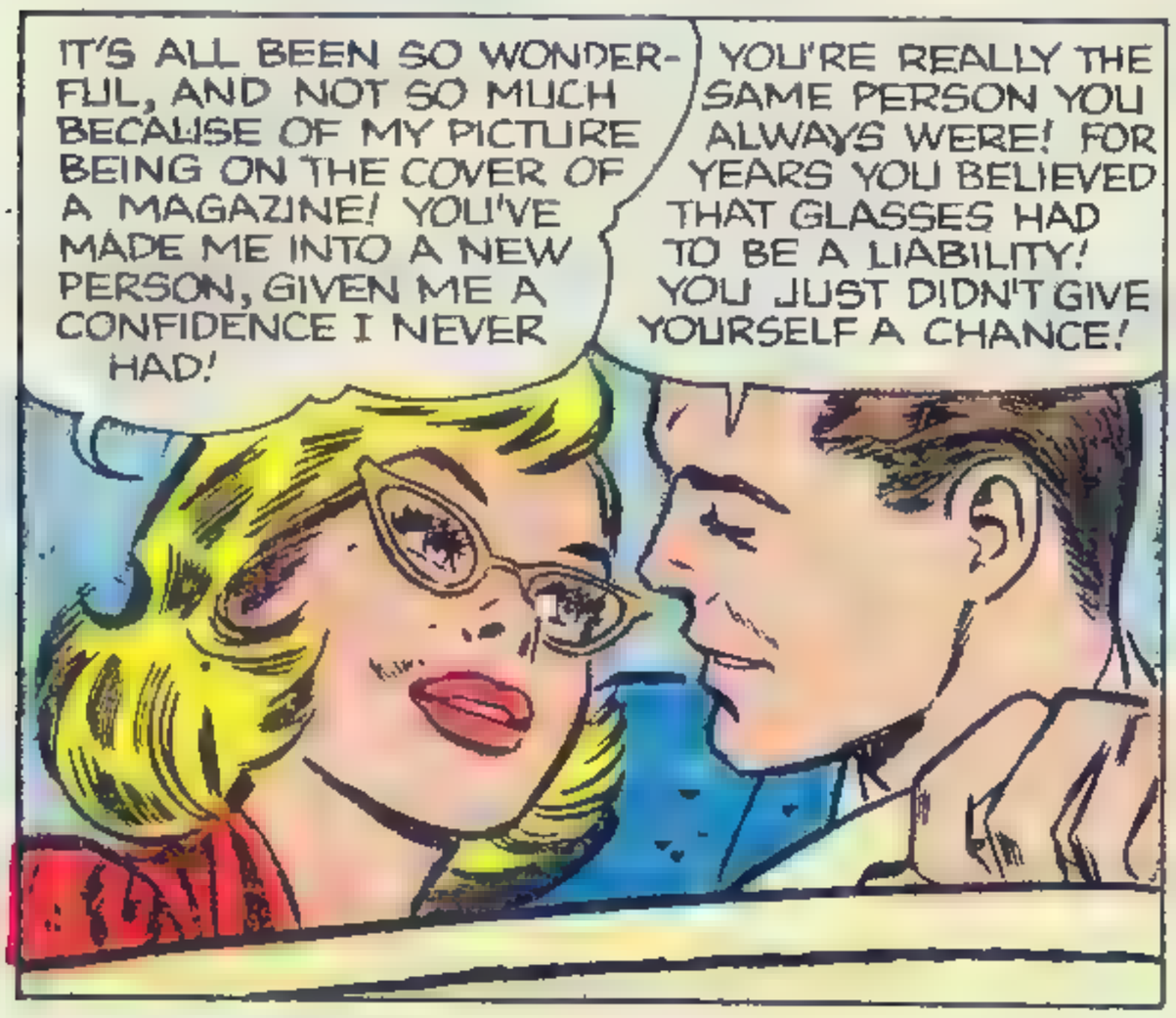

DON'T SAY ANYTHING! BESIDES, THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE! THERE'S SKETCHES TO BE MADE AND A DEADLINE TO BE MET! TIME ENOUGH TO THANK ME LATER, BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR IT!

THOSE NEXT FEW WEEKS WERE THE HAPPIEST IN MY LIFE! WAYNE WAS REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC, AND FROM THE FIRST OKAYED ROUGHS HE WENT ON TO THE FINISHED PAINTING...

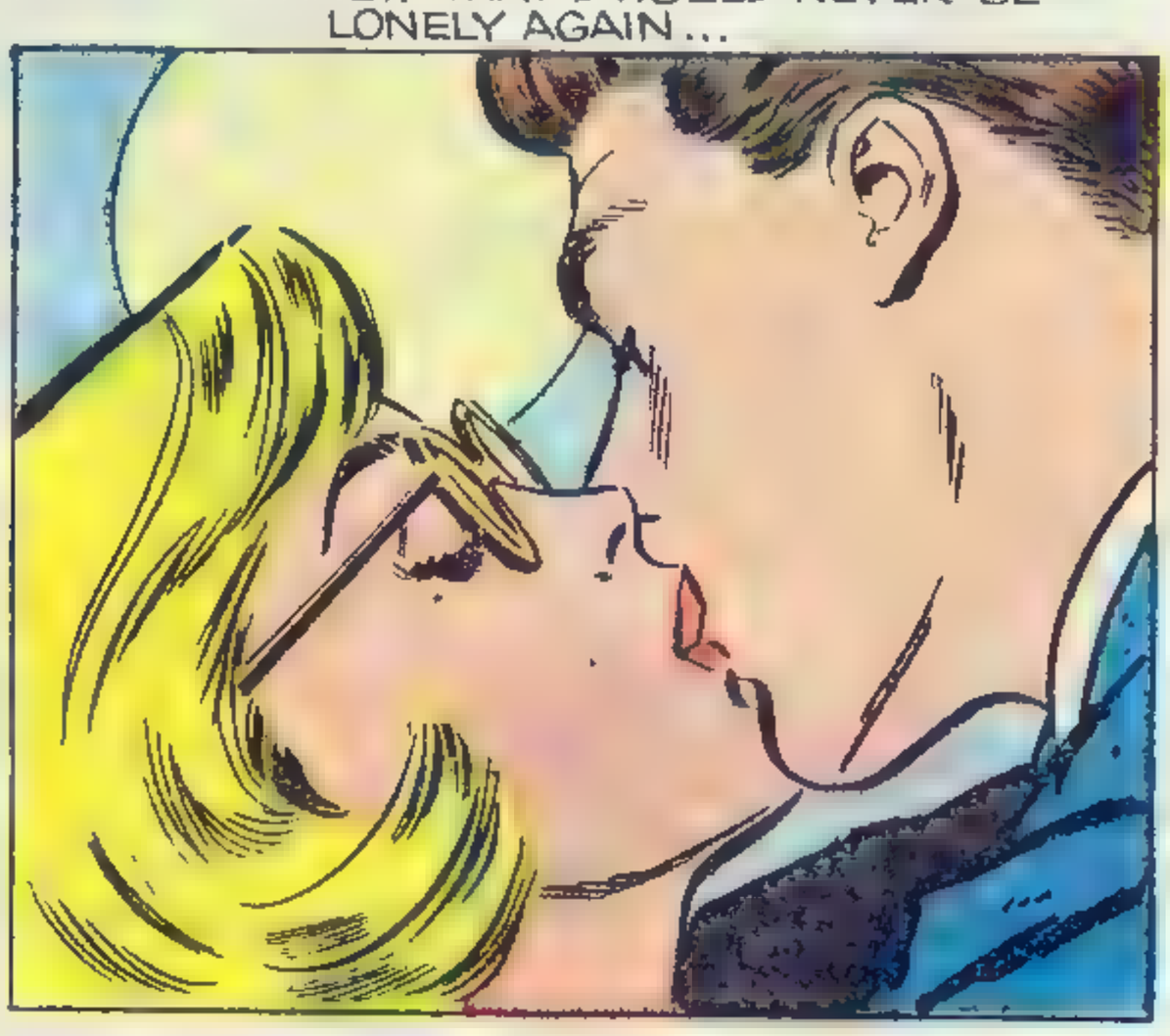
THE ILLUSTRATIONS WERE A SMASH HIT, AND ONE OF THEM WAS FEATURED ON THE COVER. YOU CAN IMAGINE THE GLOW OF PRIDE WHEN I OVERHEARD THE COMMENTS...



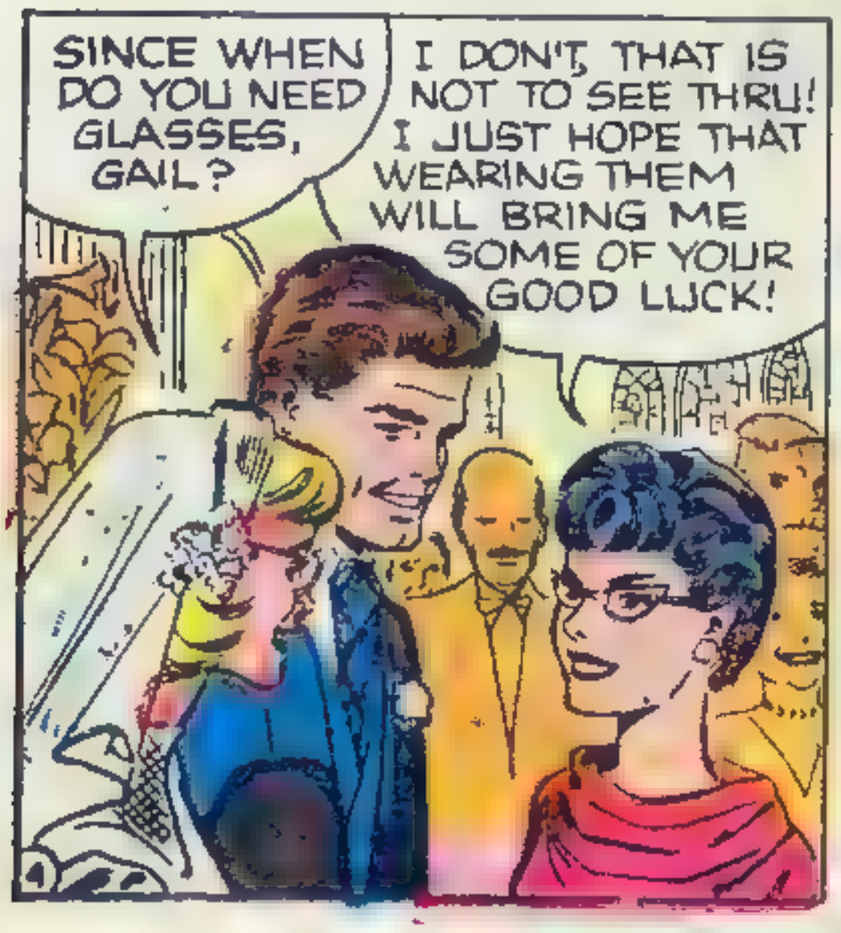
IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE FOR ME, BUT THE SUCCESS WAS NOT MINE, IT REALLY BELONGED TO WAYNE...


IT'S ALL BEEN SO WONDERFUL, AND NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF MY PICTURE BEING ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE! YOU'VE MADE ME INTO A NEW PERSON, GIVEN ME A CONFIDENCE I NEVER HAD!
YOU'RE REALLY THE SAME PERSON YOU ALWAYS WERE! FOR YEARS YOU BELIEVED THAT GLASSES HAD TO BE A LIABILITY! YOU JUST DIDN'T GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE!

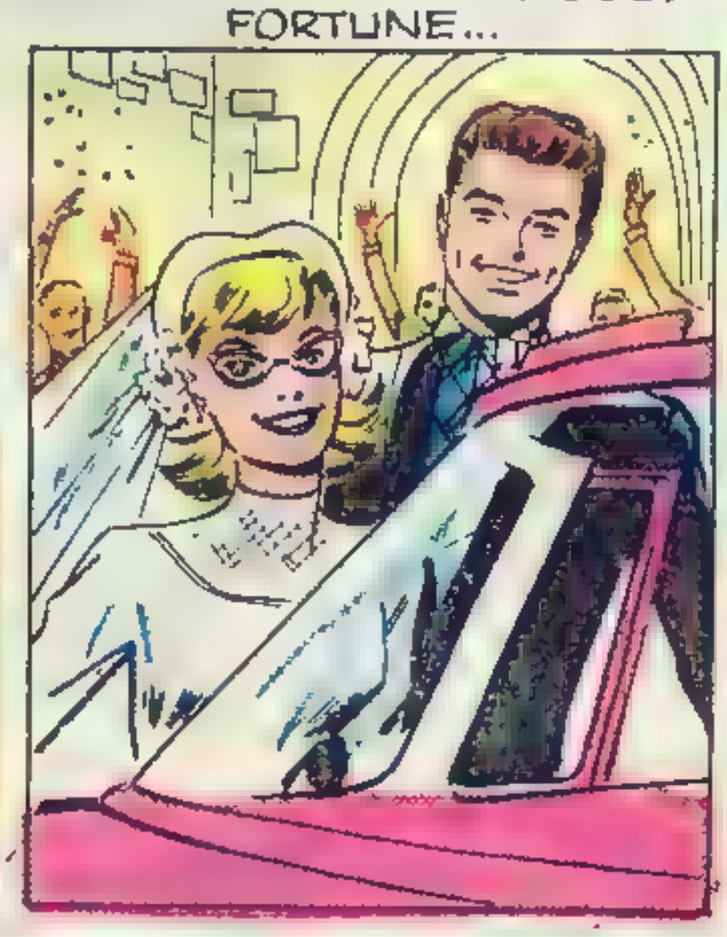
GENTLY WAYNE EMBRACED ME, TENDERLY HIS LIPS MET MINE. IN THAT WONDERFUL, BLESSED MOMENT I KNEW THAT I WOULD NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN...



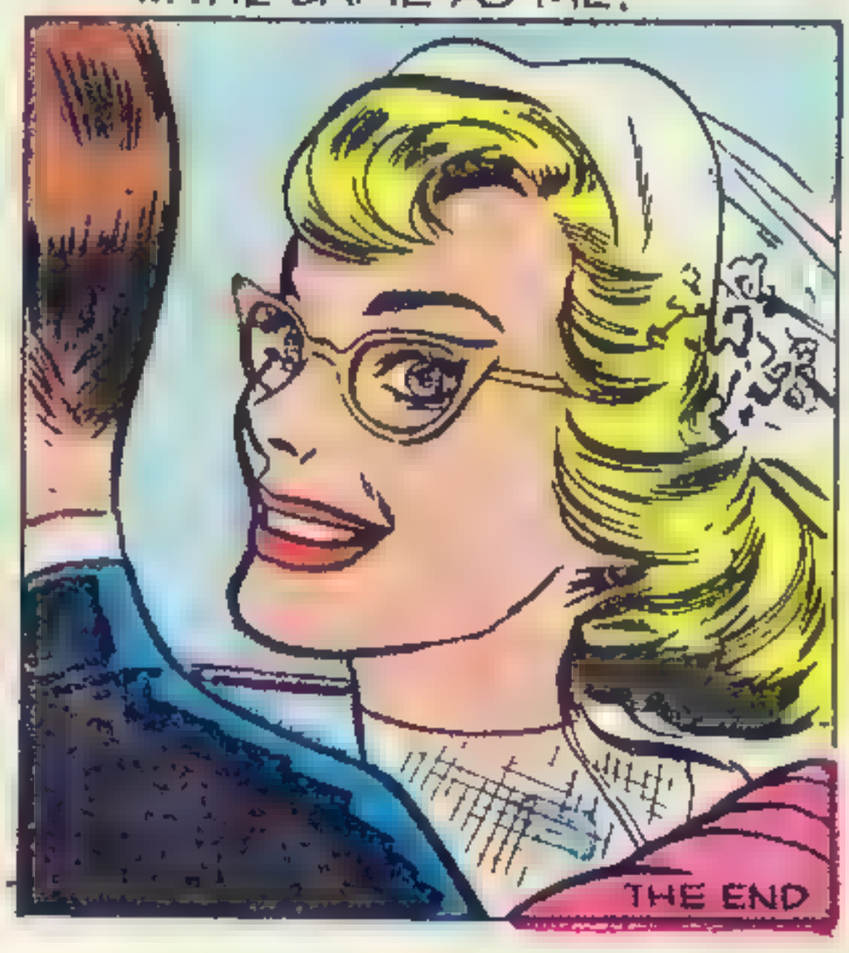
WE WERE MARRIED SIX MONTHS LATER, AND AFTER THE CEREMONY, WHEN OUR GUESTS OFFERED THEIR CONGRATULATIONS, INCLUDING MY ONCE, WOULD-BE RIVAL, GAIL...


SINCE WHEN DO YOU NEED GLASSES, GAIL?
I DON'T, THAT IS NOT TO SEE THRU! I JUST HOPE THAT WEARING THEM WILL BRING ME SOME OF YOUR GOOD LUCK!

YES, I DID HAVE GOOD LUCK, AND STRANGELY ENOUGH IT WAS GLASSES, THE ONE FEATURE ABOUT MYSELF THAT I DISLIKED THE MOST, THAT BROUGHT ME ALL MY GOOD FORTUNE...



MAYBE MY STORY CAN GIVE COURAGE TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WEAR GLASSES! IT'S NOT A LIABILITY, GIRLS, BELIEVE ME! YOU CAN HAVE THE HAPPINESS YOU DESERVE ...THE SAME AS ME!



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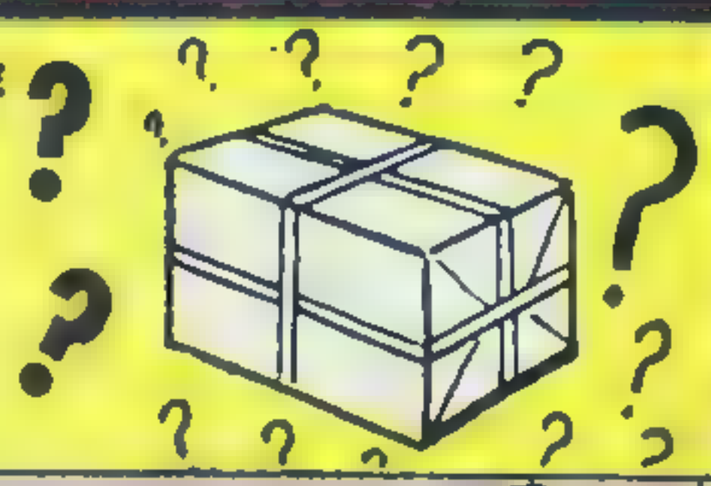

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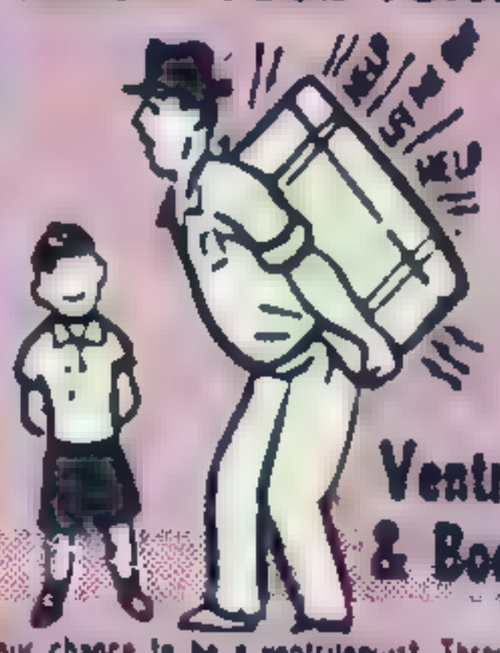

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ish, VERY distinguished, and Bill thinks he's got a stack of money. How about it, Kay, can I arrange the blind date for you?"

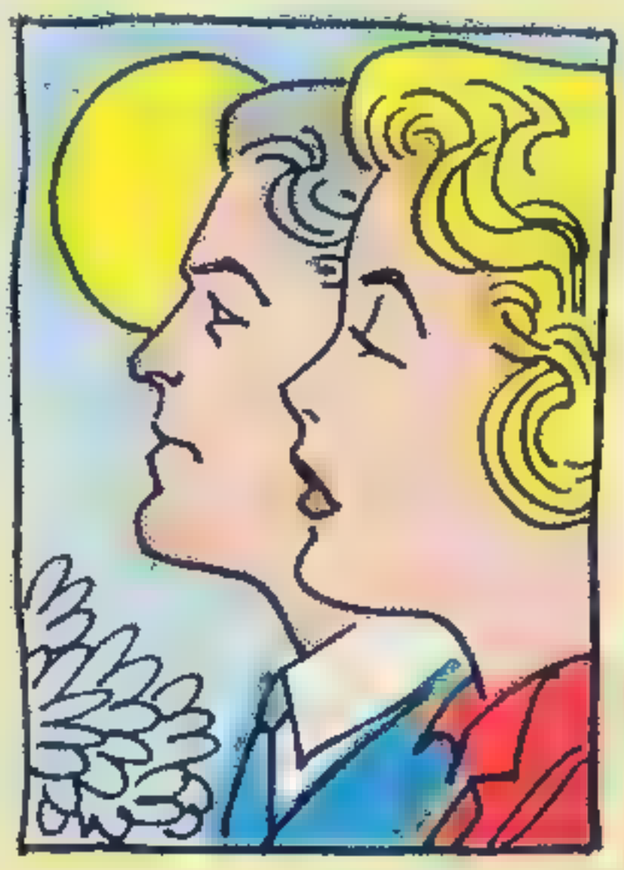
Then Jean spoke up, ". . . Sure, Kay. Gosh, it's about time you began to think about settling down. If a guy's obviously looking for a wife, your ears should be perked up . . . go ahead!"

But when Kay reached home, she sat in front of her vanity mirror and looked carefully at her image. Could they be right? Am I taking this much too lightly? Perhaps I shouldn't be content with my "single bliss?" All those thoughts were in Kay's mind as she picked up the mail that was under the door. When she saw the letter from her cousin Rita, she casually opened it and read slowly. Suddenly her hand was trembling.

"Another wedding," she thought, amusedly. "Cousin Rita, asking me to be her bridesmaid! Well, I'll do it. I'll do it but I'll be darned if I'm not going to try a new approach to these weddings. If I can't hook a man at a wedding, why, where else can I do it? Kay, from now on, you're a changed woman."

Kay was in pastel again, but she was determined not to be a "pink and fluffy" bridesmaid this time, despite the gown. As she walked up the aisle, escorted by a handsome usher whose name was Jerry Franklin, she glanced frequently at the wide shoulders and the wavy, black hair that made him so handsome. At one time his eyes met hers, and she looked away uncomfortably, still not used to her new role as a "temptress". But after the ceremony, when the crowd gathered in the large hall for a reception, Kay straightened and walked deliberately toward Jerry, smiling a very sophisticated smile.

Jerry Franklin danced beautifully, and Kay found it easier with each step to look up into his handsome face without blushing. But she could hardly believe her own ears when she heard herself saying, "You're a terribly good dancer, Jerry, but don't you find these fox-trots and waltzes as dated as I do? Why, I find that the night clubs in town are much more suitable for dancing . . . there's the



mambo, and the samba, and so many more up-to-date dances to do." She felt the blush again, so she quickly looked down.

She saw the pink skirt billowing about her legs, and she hated it. She looked up again and said, "But of course you'd never believe I could like anything but a waltz in the silly old pink bridesmaid dress. I told Rita I looked much better in dramatic colors like mauve, or flame red, but she and her silly traditions about pink-and-white weddings, well you know . . ."

But she never finished the sentence. Jerry had danced her off into a deserted corner, and she gasped when she found herself in his arms.

He was whispering, "Katherine, you're the most sophisticated woman, really a woman, I've known. You're beautiful. You're right, too . . . you belong in black satin, not pink clouds. My darling, I can't help myself, for I'm bewitched . . . don't think I'm mad when I insist we go away this very moment and get married. I know a justice of the peace in the next city . . . don't say anything but 'yes', beloved . . . I want to take you in my arms and kiss you, like this . . ."

Kay pulled away, alarmed. "I . . . well, I mean, you can't really know what you're . . . oh, darn, what I mean to say, is . . ." All at once Kay was disturbed to find that she'd carried her role too far. Why, he actually scared her . . why had she played up to him like she did? Then a loud sound made her look up. Why, Jerry Franklin was laughing, and was almost doubled up with amusement.

"Don't l-look so scared, Kay," he was laughing. "Ha, I never saw a more frightened animal than you when I said what I did. Do you think I'm blind? Or dumb? I know when sophistication is real, and when a girl belongs in pink clouds. You're the second class, Kay, and don't try to be any different, or I won't take you home from the wedding and date you for the next hundred years after that. Understand?"

And Kay understood perfectly. She had been right all the time, and it had been silly and infantile to try to be anything she wasn't. She knew then that the expression, "Alway the bridesmaid", wasn't so terrible, and that it didn't have to end, . . . never the bride!"

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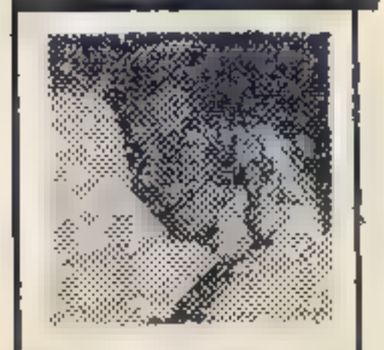

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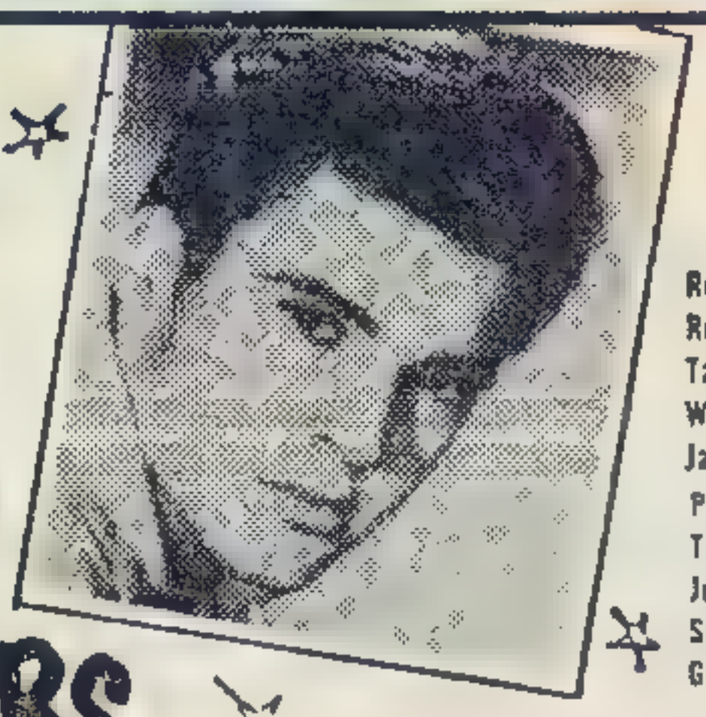

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ASIDE FROM EMBARRASSMENT, I FELT A DEEP AND UNRELENTING PAIN AS I BACKED OUT OF THE OFFICE! I, TOO, WAS IN LOVE WITH BOB HOWARD... A SECRET I SHARED WITH NO ONE...

WHY DID I HAVE TO SEE IT? NOW I CAN'T EVEN PRETEND! I DON'T STAND A CHANCE WITH LYNN AROUND!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, WHEN LYNN JOINED ME, I CONTINUED MY AWKWARD ATTEMPTS AT APOLOGY...

I... I REALLY SHOULD HAVE KNOCKED...

FORGET IT! I GUESS EVERYONE IN THE OFFICE KNOWS HOW I FEEL ABOUT BOB!

OH, MAYBE BOB WAS A BIT EMBARRASSED, BUT DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU, JANET! I MAY NOT BE TOPS IN OFFICE ROUTINE, BUT I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE MY MEN!

THAT'S HOW MATTERS STOOD, AND IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH THINKING TO KNOW THAT I WAS FAR, FAR BEHIND...

IT'S EASY FOR LYNN TO THROW HERSELF AT BOB IN FRONT OF EVERYONE... BUT I CAN'T PLAY IT HER WAY!

I CAN'T THROW MYSELF AT BOB... IT WOULD BE AGAINST EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN TAUGHT, THE RULES OF BEHAVIOR I'VE LEARNED TO RESPECT AND LIVE BY! I JUST CAN'T CHANGE!

AS TIME PASSED AND I STUCK TO MY GUNS, LYNN MADE MORE AND MORE PROGRESS...

THAT'S THE SECOND TIME THEY'RE GOING OUT TO LUNCH THIS WEEK!

ONE MORNING, BOB CALLED ME INTO HIS OFFICE! SOMETHING IMPORTANT HAD COME UP...

THERE'S A CHANCE OUR BID MIGHT BE ACCEPTED ON THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM! WOULD YOU GET THE FILE AND MEET ME AT MR. PERRY'S OFFICE AT FOUR THIS AFTERNOON!

OF COURSE, MR. HOWARD!

I REWORKED THE FILE AND BROUGHT IT UP TO DATE! THAT AFTERNOON IN MR. PERRY'S OFFICE...

THIS IS ONE OF THE NEATEST, DETAILED REPORTS I'VE EVER RECEIVED! I SEE NO REASON TO DELAY! YOU'VE GOT THE CONTRACT, BOB! HOP TO IT!

YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW PLEASED I WAS, BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS I WAS REALLY THRILLED...

THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION! I INSIST ON A CHAMPAGNE DINNER, AND I DON'T CARE WHAT OTHER ENGAGEMENTS YOU HAVE!

BUT I HAVEN'T ANY... AND IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL!

SOMEHOW, AWAY FROM THE OFFICE AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF BUSINESS, BEING WITH BOB WAS LIKE TRANSPORTATION TO ANOTHER WORLD... A WORLD I NEVER WANTED TO LEAVE...

IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD ORCHESTRA! WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

YES, VERY MUCH!

BUT ALL MOMENTS DO END, AND REGRETABLY THE HAPPIER ONES, END ALL TOO QUICKLY...

I'VE HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING, JANET! THANKS AGAIN FOR THE SPLENDID JOB YOU DID ON THE REPORT!

I'M GLAD IT WORKED OUT WELL... GOOD-NIGHT!

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS TRULY HAPPY! DESPITE THE FACT THAT BOB'S FRIENDLINESS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DUE TO A SENSE OF INDEBTEDNESS, I DID NOT PERMIT IT TO MAR MY BLISSFUL STATE...

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT! THE MUSIC... THE WAY HE DANCED... THE LITTLE THINGS! I'LL REMEMBER THEM ALWAYS...

OTHER CLOSE WORKING ASSIGNMENTS FOLLOWED..

I'LL GO OVER MY SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THIS MEETING AND YOU'LL HAVE MY BID BY THE END OF THIS MONTH!

FAIR ENOUGH!

OFTEN, AFTER LATE WORKING SESSIONS BOB WOULD TAKE ME TO DINNER AND THEN DRIVE ME HOME...

I GUESS I'M REPEATING MYSELF BUT THANKS FOR HAVING DINNER WITH ME! GOODNIGHT, JANET...

GOODNIGHT, BOB!

SOMEHOW LYNN WOULD HAVE ENDED UP IN HIS ARMS AND MADE THE MOST OF THE MOMENT! ALL I COULD DO WAS SAY GOODNIGHT!

BUT, IT WAS NO MORE THAN A DAY OR TWO LATER, WHILE DOING SOME FILING, WHEN MY GROWING WORLD OF HAPPINESS WAS SUDDENLY SHATTERED...

NOT LUNCH, LYNN! I'LL BE WORKING ON THE HARRIS REPORT STRAIGHT THROUGH!

ALL RIGHT! THEN WE'LL MAKE IT DINNER AND DANCING INSTEAD!

I'LL WEAR THE BLACK DRESS YOU LIKE SO MUCH! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!

EIGHT IT IS!

THERE WAS NO PRETENDING ABOUT WHAT I'D HEARD! IN ONE BLINDING MOMENT, ALL MY HOPE WAS GONE...

I'VE BEEN A FOOL... LEADING MYSELF ON... PRETENDING!

LYNN SUDDENLY APPEARED! PERHAPS SHE SUSPECTED SOMETHING, BUT I WOULDN'T LET ON...

ANYTHING WRONG, JANET? YOU LOOK ALL SHOOK UP!

JUST A BAD HEADACHE! MAYBE I'LL GO HOME... REST UP SOME!

IN THE QUIET OF MY ROOM I CRIED MY SILENT TEARS! THE FAILURE WAS MINE, ALL MINE...

PERHAPS IF I PLAYED LYNN'S GAME...THREW MYSELF AT HIM, FLATTERED HIM... MAYBE THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT! MAYBE I WOULD HAVE A CHANCE...

B--BUT I KNOW I COULDN'T! IT ISN'T MY WAY! I MAY AS WELL (SOB!) FACE IT! I'LL GET A NEW JOB... TRY TO FORGET! I COULDN'T GO ON WORKING WITH BOB; NOT ANY MORE!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, I WENT TO BOB'S OFFICE, PREPARED TO GIVE MY NOTICE, AND TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR THE NEWS HE NOW TOLD ME...

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE, JANET, BUT LYNN WON'T BE WITH US ANY LONGER! SHE QUIT!

BUT ONLY LAST NIGHT...I MEAN...

THE WORDS WERE SPOKEN IMPULSIVELY, BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO THINK, ONLY NOW THINGS WERE GETTING MORE JUMBLED THAN EVER...

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, JANET! **YOU** WERE THE REASON WHY LYNN LEFT!

ME!

THERE ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW, BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN HERE! MY CAR'S OUT FRONT! WE CAN GO SOMEWHERE...

A--ALL RIGHT! I'M AFRAID I'M NOT MUCH FOR WORK ANYWAY!

WE DROVE OFF INTO THE COUNTRY, AND IN A LOVELY SNOWWHITE SETTING, HE BROUGHT THE CAR TO A HALT... THE TONE OF HIS VOICE WAS INTIMATE AND CLOSE...

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START! IT'S TRUE I TOOK LYNN TO DINNER LAST NIGHT... ONLY I'M AFRAID I WASN'T POLITE, BECAUSE I KEPT TALKING ABOUT YOU!

BUT... W-WHY ME ...?

BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS CONTINUALLY THESE PAST FEW WEEKS! I ONLY TOOK LYNN OUT LAST NIGHT TO BREAK THINGS OFF!

BUT SHE HAD SUCH CONFIDENCE! I WAS SURE SHE...

I KNOW, A MAN'S EGO MIGHT BE FLATTERED WHEN A GIRL KIND OF THROWS HERSELF AT HIM, ONLY HE DOESN'T MARRY THAT KIND!

THEN WHAT KIND DOES HE MARRY?

GENTLY HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS, AND OUR LIPS MET! I HAD MY ANSWER AND I WAS PROUD... PROUD OF MY BEHAVIOR, AND GLAD IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY HAD BROUGHT ME TO THE ARMS OF THE MAN I LOVED...

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IF YOU SELL 25, YOU KEEP $2.50

IF YOU SELL 30, YOU KEEP $3.00

IF YOU SELL ALL 40 YOU KEEP $4.00

REMEMBER: No money is needed in advance. You take no risks. You can return all the mottoes you do not sell. You do not pay shipping costs or split your commission. You keep all the profit on each sale.

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STEPHENS CREDIT SALES

Dept. YA P. O. Box 1004

Nashville, Tennessee

Can You UNSCRAMBLE These States?

Join the fun! Everybody can win! Test your skill. Just unscramble the names of the 4 States below, then mail us the answer with the coupon. Everybody can win. Anyone can enter.

1. **NICILAFARO** (FAMOUS FOR ORANGES)
2. **NAILAUOSI** (FAMOUS FOR SUGAR)
3. **SANOMENTI** (FAMOUS FOR LAKES)
4. **NAVINEPSALYN** (FAMOUS FOR STEEL)

EXAMPLE: **DOLIFAR**

ANSWER: **FLORIDA**

We're running this special Unscramble test to find families who would appreciate having such an amazing, real, **live Miniature Pet.** This is our way of getting acquainted with new customers and friends. Everyone can win. Anyone can enter.

WIN *Your Choice* NEW, LIVE MINIATURE PET

Just to get acquainted

I'll be happy to send you entirely at my expense, this alert, live, young **Miniature Dog . . . or** live and lovable **Miniature Monkey.** Simply send in your entry and hand out only twenty get-acquainted coupons to friends, relatives or neighbors and help us get that many new customers as per our premium letter. Everyone who has received such a wonderful tiny pet is simply "crazy" about their little pal and companion . . . wouldn't part with it for the world.

Miniature Monkey

About the tiniest monkey you will see. You can hold it in your hand, yet it is healthy and so intelligent it is almost human. Eats ordinary foods. Clean and lovable.

Please send me your favorite snapshot, photo or Kodak picture when sending your 4 names of states. We will make you a beautiful 5x7 inch enlargement in a handsome "Movietone" frame and YOU CAN TELL YOUR FRIENDS about our bargain hand-colored enlargements when handing out the get-acquainted coupons. Just mail me your favorite snapshot, print or negative NOW and pay the postman forty-nine cents and a few cents for our c.o.d. service plus postage when your treasured enlargement arrives and I'll include the "Movietone" frame at no extra cost. Your original returned with your enlargement and frame. **Also include the COLOR OF HAIR AND EYES with your picture,** so I can also give you our bargain offer on a second enlargement artfully hand-colored in oils for natural beauty, sparkle and life, like we have done for thousands of others.

I'm so anxious to send you **your choice of a miniature dog or miniature monkey** that I hope you will send me your answer with your name, address and also include your favorite snapshot, right away and get your twenty get-acquainted coupons to hand out. **Mrs. Ruth Long, Gift Manager.**

Miniature DOG Think of having such an unusual pet. This lovable, young miniature DOG is so tiny you can carry it in your pocket or hold it in one hand, yet it barks and is a reliable watch dog as well as a pal. Active, healthy, intelligent and clean.

HURRY!
SEND TODAY

Your names of the four States must be received promptly. Don't delay.

DEAN STUDIOS (OUR 20th YEAR)
Dept. X-588, 211 W. 7th St., Des Moines 2, Iowa

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Please enter my name for the Miniature Pet of my choice and send me the twenty get-acquainted coupons to hand out. Enclosed find snapshot or negative for enlarging.

Names of States are:

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....

Color of Eyes.....Color of Hair.....

Name.....

Address.....

City.....

State.....

Miniature Pet Wanted.....

Reducing Specialist Says:

LOSE WEIGHT

where it shows most

REDUCE

most any part of the body with

SPOT REDUCER

"Thanks to the Spot Reducer, I lost four inches around the hips and three inches around the waistline. It's amazing." Mary Martin, Long Island City, N. Y.

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Like a magic wand, the "Spot Reducer" obeys your every wish. Most any part of your body where it is loose and flabby, wherever you have extra weight and inches, the "Spot Reducer" can aid you in acquiring a youthful, slender and graceful figure. The beauty of this scientifically designed Reducer is that the method is so simple and easy, the results quick, sure and harmless. No exercises or strict diets. No steam baths, drugs or laxatives.

Thousands have lost weight this way—in hips, abdomen, legs, arms, buttocks, etc. The same method used by many stage, screen and radio personalities and leading reducing salons. The "Spot Reducer" can be used in your spare time in your own room. It breaks down fatty tissues, tones the muscles and flesh, and the increased, awakened blood circulation carries away waste fat. Two weeks after using the "Spot Reducer," look in the mirror and see a more glamorous, better, firmer, slimmer figure that will delight you. You have nothing to lose but weight for the "Spot Reducer" is sold on a money-back guarantee.

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE With a 10-DAY FREE TRIAL

If the "Spot Reducer" doesn't do the wonders for you as it has for others, if you don't lose weight and inches where you want to lose it most, if you're not 100% delighted with the results, your money will be returned at once.

BODY MASSAGER CO., Dept. A-687
403 Market St., Newark, New Jersey

Marie Hammel, New York, N. Y., says: "I used to wear a size 20 dress, now I wear size 14, thanks to the Spot Reducer. It was fun and I enjoyed it."

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403 Market St., Newark, New Jersey

Send me at once, for $2.98 cash, check or money order, the "Spot Reducer" and your famous Special Formula Body Massage Cream, postpaid. If I am not 100% satisfied, my money will be refunded.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

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FREE

A large size jar of Special Formula Body Message Cream will be included FREE with your order for the "Spot Reducer."